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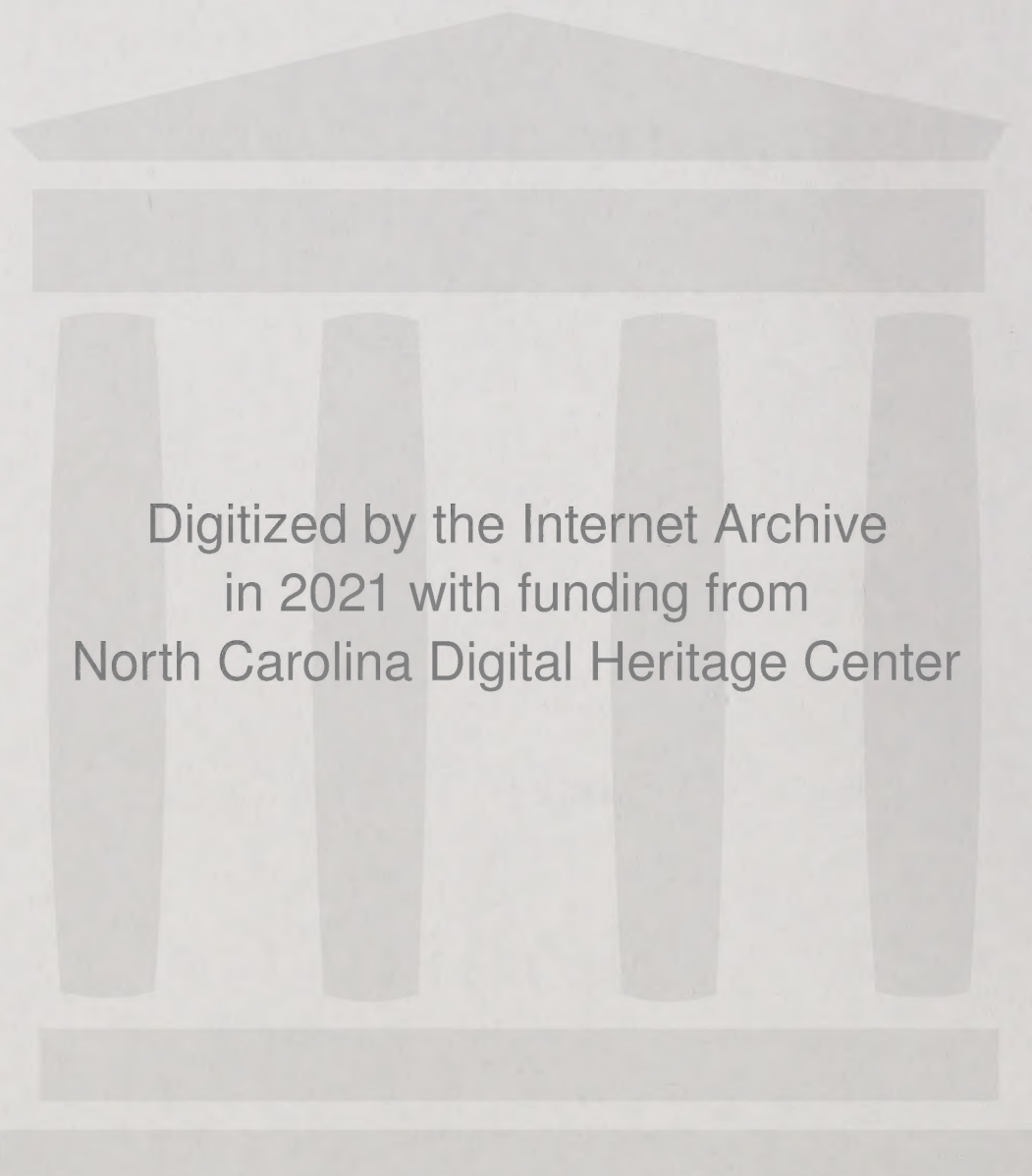
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The Board of Directions of WCGS authorized publication of the annual volumes of *Trees* in November 2000. We are pleased to bring you these volumes which bring together for the first time all issues in a given year, or range of years in the case of 1992-93.

Please note that an index for the previous year has been included in most years as part of the March issue. For that reason, you will find a gap in the pages for your March issue. Nothing is missing. The index has simply been moved to the annual volume for the corresponding year. You will find the same situation for the annual membership / surname list. We have not included these lists for any volumes; however, you may note the missing page numbers from a spring issues of some years, usually the April issue.

As noted in the paragraph above, each annual volume includes an index for that year, bound at the back of the volume.

Membership in the Wilson County Genealogical Society is open to anyone interested in the heritage of Wilson County families. Membership information may be obtained from WCGS at P.O. Box 802, Wilson NC 27894-0802. The present internet address is <http://www.wcgs.org>. The email address is ancestor@wcgs.org.

The Society meets monthly on the 4th Tuesday, January through May, and September through November. Meetings are usually held in the meeting room at the Wilson County Public Library on Nash Street in Wilson. There is a social meeting in June of each year at a location announced prior to that meeting.

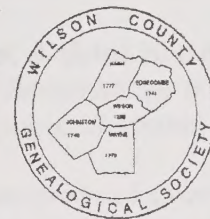
Members of the Society are invited to submit articles and items of interest for publication in *Trees of Wilson*. Acceptance of these items is subject to approval of the editors and is based on suitability and potential interest.

Henry and Sue Powell
Trees Editors since January 1996



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January 1996

Editor: Grace Turner

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President's Message

We look forward to an exciting year for WCGS. Your officers and board have met to set our program and appoint committees.

Deborah Mitchell will head the program group with the able help of Carol Forbes and Mary Helen Schaubhuth. They are planning a varied series of programs with several different types of activities within each meeting.

Milton Rogerson will head the publications group as a resource for the ever-growing number of members who put their words on paper. With a lifetime in the industry, Milton is available to any member who needs advice, help or just a friendly ear. Grace Turner takes over as newsletter editor with the help of several other members including Reese Ferrell and Janice Sharpe.

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January Meeting to Feature Betty Reason



The January Meeting will be held on Tuesday, 23rd at 7:00 PM in the Wilson County Public Library Meeting Room. The program will be given by WCGS member Betty Reason of Macclesfield on her research into family home sites of early area settlers. Betty promises tips on how to do this for yourself also.

The meeting will conclude with a social period for informal discussions between members.

Newsletter Change

With expressions of appreciation and regret, the Board has accepted Joan Howell's resignation as editor of *Trees of Wilson*. Joan cited the need to focus on other projects.

Joan worked on the newsletter from September 1992 and became editor in March 1993. The document has grown from an initial four pages to its present ten pages.

Joan became so closely identified with *Trees* that it has been called by some "Joan's newsletter". She developed a string of correspondants who regularly submit materials for publication.

Co-editor, Grace Turner, has agreed to step into the editor's position with the stern proviso that she expects a lot of help from fellow members.

Fourth Anniversary Issue

With this issue of *Trees of Wilson* we reach an important anniversary.

Marshall Daniel, Grace Turner, Reese Ferrell and Sue Mitchell met in January 1992 to assemble the first issue of the WCGS newsletter.

According to the minutes, all were willing to help but no one wanted to chair the venture. Sue offered the name and logo, which were accepted, and the copy was put together. A free printing source was located for the four-page document.

Included therein were ...

- Wilson County Coroner's Reports.
- A report on the cemetery project article in the Daily Times..
- Notice of a cemetery field trip on Saturday, January 25, 1992.
- Membership roll of the Black Creek Masonic Lodge #330, 1903-1916 .
- An inquiry regarding a Boswell family of Wilson County.

Dues, Dues Dues

Dues are due! Renewal of your membership is \$10 if paid by the end of January, and becomes \$15 for those who lag behind.



New memberships are \$10 when-ever received. A membership received after October will cover the rest of that year and all of the next year.

Members of record in March receive the annual newsletter index for the previous year.

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Trees is published monthly except for December and one summer month. An annual index is published in the March issue. Annual membership includes a subscription to the ten issues published each year. A new membership is \$10; renewal is \$10 before 1/31 each year or \$15 thereafter.

Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties. PC word processing diskette copy encouraged; camera-ready copy appreciated.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; nonmembers should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

Officers:

President: Henry Powell
Vice President: Deborah Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Powell
Board Members: Paul Darden,
Lenore Smith, Grace Turner

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Carroll Arthur continues with the "Please Help Me" group where he will add more names to his member surnames of interest collection and work with Grace Turner to answer inquiries that come in from around the country. Joan Howell and Janice Sharpe continue to provide docent services in the Genealogy Room at the Public Library and handle inquiries as well. Henry Powell will turn some of their efforts into a regular column for the local newspaper beginning in the new year.

And, as always, the Society thrives on its projects. Joan Howell continues the cemeteries project, with work well underway on Volume IV (Maplewood), and is also working on a Nash County

census publication. Joan always needs volunteers for the ongoing survey so keep your pencils sharpened and walking shoes handy.

Sue and Henry Powell, Reese Ferrell, Janice Sharpe and Grace Turner, continue the Hugh Johnston records work, laboriously transcribing Hugh's original working notes into computer readable form. The situation with these records has recently changed with the decision of the NC State Archives to accept Hugh Johnston's working notes. However, Edna Long Johnston has kindly agreed to allow the Society to continue this project for as long a time as possible. Computer literate members (or those with any interest and potential) are urgently needed to move this project along.

Paul Darden is putting new life into the long dormant family Bible records project and is seeking helpers to assist with this.

Henry Powell continues with his project on Wilson County family connections and reports there are nearly 9,000 names now in the database. He would like to borrow or use any family history information related to Wilson and neighboring counties to add to the file. All materials will be returned. The database began with the Wilson County Heritage books and has since incorporated Stantonsburg, Black Creek and Rock Ridge publications.

The Board has stated a renewed commitment to make Wilson and its neighboring counties the focus of every facet of Society work.

Please continue to help out with attendance at meetings, participation in projects, contributions to the newsletter and the wonderful exchange of information which we all enjoy so much.

This message will appear each month to give you a deeper insight into what is going on with your Society.
Henry Powell

Review

Rock Ridge: A Brief History

Mary Rachael Barnes Miller, Wilson, NC. 1995. 87 pages, illustrated, no index.

Ms. Miller has produced a warm and loving collection of information about this farming community in western Wilson County, gathered in her twenty-five years as a church organist there.

Genealogical information is contained in the first section on early families. Other sections highlight the Rock Ridge School, Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church, the economy, the Post Office, social activities, and community services.

Ten pages of the book are devoted to biographies of medical doctors who served the community.

A copy of this book is available for reference at the Wilson County Public Library, and copies may be purchased from the author at 919-237-0029. The price is \$15.

While not of the size or scope of other community books e.g. Stantonsburg or Black Creek, this makes a nice addition to any collection of Wilson County materials.

Family Bible Records

Paul Darden has agreed to head this project for 1996 with the help of Ed Rasberry and Sue Powell.



The purpose of the project is to locate and copy the family record and title pages from old family Bibles in Wilson and surrounding counties.

A file has been set up in the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library where these Bible record copies are kept for public use.

Please contact Paul at the WCGS P.O. Box or at 919-243-6111 if you know of a Bible that would be of interest. He will arrange for copies to be made at your convenience.

Tracking the Elusive Ancestor

A monthly feature with tips, techniques and ideas for genealogists - this month offers comments from Grace Turner.

Folks are always asking me where they can start to find out about their ancestors. I've answered that question many times and here it is again, in writing this time.

First, find out all you can about your family from living members. Start a notebook - a steno pad is just fine - and write down everything they tell you. Believe me, don't trust your memory for anything! Press to get names, dates and places for as far back as anybody can remember.

What you really need to get started is a name that could show up in the US Census from 1850 to 1880. These reports are commonly available on microfilm and are pretty easy to use because there are abstracts and printed indexes available. From 1890 on it gets a lot harder.

For example let's say you know you come from a local family that has been around for a long time. You find out from your great aunt the name of your great grandmother and that she is buried at Maplewood Cemetery. You drive to Maplewood, find the gravestone and write down the name and dates, as well as others in the same plot. We'll presume she was born in the 1850s.

Then you go to the genealogy room at the Wilson County Public Library (get directions from the circulation desk). Locate the Wilson County 1860 Census book on the shelf - it's

a WCGS publication (usually there are volunteer helpers in the genealogy room on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons). Find the name in the index and then turn to the page listed. There you hopefully will find the whole family listed - father, mother and all the children, your greatgrandma being among them.

Now you have an idea about when and where. Start filling out a family record sheet - there might be a blank one in the genealogy room or we can send you a blank if you don't know where else to find one. It's alright to make some assumptions as long as you are honest, for example, the father is listed as 27 years old so you can say he was born about 1823. You won't get much of a clue about where they lived, but make some notes about the neighbors. Families are mostly listed in geographic sequence as the census taker trudged down the road from house to house, and you'll soon learn that their spelling is creative. Later you can work on finding the exact location through land records and wills.

Don't skip anything. Lots of people start out insisting on following only their direct line and end up wishing they had kept track of the other relatives. You may discover a long lost billionaire hiding in your family tree (most of us are still looking, however).

You should now have a family record sheet that looks something like the one below. Next month we'll see what you can do next with this family record sheet.

FAMILY GROUP

No. 4 EVANS

Husband's Full Name: Glenn Junius EVANS									
VITAL DATA DAY MONTH YEAR TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY									
Birth	2	18	DEC	1867	Black Creek	Wilson	NC		
Children	3								
Marriage	4	3	SEP	1885	Black Creek	Wilson	NC		
Death	5	22	NOV	1934	Cause: Angina Pectoris				
Burial	6	23	NOV	1934	Cemetery: EVANS FAMILY Cemetery, Black Creek, NC				
Father's Full Name:	7 (Junius?) Arthur EVANS				Mother's Maiden Name:	8 Rebecca F. BARNES			
Other wives:	Remarks: Military								
Wife's Full Maiden Name: Amanda Luvenia ROBINSON									
VITAL DATA DAY MONTH YEAR TOWN COUNTY STATE OR COUNTRY									
Birth	12	30	JUL	1866					
Children	3								
Marriage	4	3	SEP	1885	Black Creek	Wilson	NC		
Death	14	27	AUG	1941	Cause: Diabetes				
Burial	15	28	AUG	1941	Cemetery: Evans Family Cemetery, Black Creek, NC				
Father's Full Name:	16 J. H. (Uncle) ROBINSON				Mother's Maiden Name:	Rebecca THOMAS			
Other husbands:	Remarks:								

(ARRANGE IN ORDER OF BIRTH) CHILDREN

SEX	1	FULL NAME	VITAL DATA	DATE	PLACE
M	1	Glenn	Birth	1867	
M	2	Lee Ernest	Birth	02 JUN 1888	To:
M	3	Hugh	Birth	1890	To: Lillian B.
M	4	Preston	Birth	1891	To:
M	5	Bruce Angler	Birth	20 AUG 1897	To:
M	6	Harvey Spelght	Birth	01 JUN 1893	To: Mary Rose CANADY
F	7	Alice Inez	Birth	27 MAR 1899	To:
M	8	Norman	Birth	1898	To:
M	9	Urey Gordon	Birth	29 MAR 1899	To: Irene Theima
M	10	Cecil Roades	Birth	05 JUL 1901	To:

To re-order BILGS No. 1028
ST. LOUIS GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
 701 N. BANCHESTER RD., SUITE 3
 ST. LOUIS, MO. 63114

OCCUPATION

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1	Family records	21	1910 Census records																
2	Death Certificate	22	1910 Census records																
3	Death Certificate - born 1861	23	1910 Census records																
4	Grave marker - born 1862	24	1910 Census records																
5	Marriages of Wilson Co. NC 1855-1899 Vol	25	1910 Census records																
6	Death Certificate	26	1910 Census records																
7	Death Certificate	27	1910 Census records																
8	Family Records	28	Grave marker																
9	Death Certificate	29	See Family Group No. 2																
10	See	30	1910 Census records																
11	Marriages of Wilson Co. NC 1855-1899 Vol	31	1910 Census records																
12	Death Certificate	32	Grave marker																
13		33																	
14	Death Certificate	34																	
15	Death Certificate	35																	
16	Death Certificate - Jim Roberson	36																	
17	Death Certificate	37																	
18	1910 Census records	38																	
19	1910 Census records	39																	
20	Grave marker	40																	

CHECK LIST

Used	Have	Need	Have	State	Census Records
					Year
Birth			Yes	State	County
Marriage			Yes	1780	1800
Death			Yes	1820	1840
Grave & Index			Yes	1860	1880
Wills			Yes	1820	1840
Probate			Yes	1800	1820
Guardianship			Yes	1800	1820
Admission			Yes	1800	1820
General Court Rec.			Yes	1800	1820
Military			Yes	1800	1820
Divorce			Yes	1800	1820
Newspapers			Yes	1800	1820
Family Histories			Yes	1800	1820
County Histories			Yes	1800	1820
National			Yes	1800	1820
Interviews			Yes	1800	1820

Computers & Genealogy

An Internet Trial by Henry Powell

After reading books and articles on using the Internet for genealogical research the time had come to try it to see. Starting with America On-Line, I examined the list of Web sites that offer genealogical information, data bases and search capabilities and I selected several that looked interesting (there were dozens). Using the Prodigy Web Browser, here were the results: **Elijah** - "the most comprehensive site for genealogists" (<http://www.elijah.com>). Result - no answer, site not located.



Middleton Home Page - "your hot list of favorite genealogy places on the web" (<http://pages.prodigy.com/CA/middleton/middleton.html>). Result - page no longer available.

Everton - "a great gateway for everything dealing with genealogy." (<http://www.everton.com/>). Result - works fine, allows user to read all about what they can do for you if you just give a credit card number to pay for the privilege. Allows trial search of sample database - I got absolutely nothing after trying a dozen or so ordinary names. Charges \$15 for one month full access trial membership.

Everton Genealogical Helper - "On line version of the magazine". Result - did not attempt to access.

Matthew Helm's Genealogy Toolbox - "500 different WWW sites for genealogists." (<http://www.outfitters.com/~helm/genealogy.html>). Result - no answer, site no longer in operation.

Historical-Genealogical Societies - "addresses of ..." (<http://www.outfitters.com/genealogy/gensoc/>). Result - no answer, site not in service.

Ultimate Genealogy Page - (<http://www.uvol.com/uvol/religion/religion.html>). Result - no answer, site not in service.

GedCom Server - "1,650,000 names online" (<http://soback.kornet.nm.kr/~cmanis/>). Result - no answer, site not in service.

Favorite sites that are always there are public libraries and State Archives, and there is no hourly charge for use!

Research Report

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF EDGEcombe

I, DAVID WEBB of the County of Edgecombe and State of North Carolina being of sound mind and memory, but considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and declare this my last will and testament. In manner and form following, that is to say that my Executor hereafter named shall provide for my body a decent burial suitable to the wishes of my relatives and friends, and pay all funeral expenses together with my just debts howsoever and to whomsoever owing out of the money that may first come into his hands as a part or parcel of my estate.

(1) I give and devise to my beloved wife, three feather beds and furniture and my white horse and best buggy and gear, one cart and wheels and two cows and calves and all of the hogs on hand and my home track of land known as the Brashar Track, containing one hundred acres being the same more or less, and all of the corn and fodder on hand and all of my house and kitchen furniture, except two feather beds and furniture and me brandy still and six head of geese and an apple mill.

(2) I give and devise to my beloved son ELWELL WEBB a certain track of land known as the HARRELL TRACK containing one hundred acres being the same more or less, and one horse mule Jim and two carts and wheels and one feather bed and furniture and one cow and calf and two shot guns and all of the plow gear an carting gear and axes and all the grub and wood hoes.

(3) I give and devise to my beloved son VAN BUREN WEBB one certain track of land known as the Guin Track containing one hundred acres being the same more or less, one young ox and red hefer.

(4) I give and devise to my beloved daughter IDAH WEBB a certain piece of land known as the JACK WEBB piece containing forty three acres being the same more or less.

(5) I give and devise to my daughter RODAH WEBB one feather bed and furniture.

(6) I give and devise to my son HYRIUM WEBB one dollar.

(7) I give and devise to my daughter CHRISTIAN WEBB wife of JOSEPH WEBB one dollar.

(8) I give and devise to my daughter EDEATH HARRELL wife of JESSE HARRELL one dollar.

(9) I give and devise to my son JOHN WEBB one dollar.

(10) I give and devise to my son ANDREW WEBB one dollar.

(11) I give and devise to my son SPATE WEBB one dollar.

(12) I give and devise to my daughter SARAH WEBB the wife of REDDIN WEBB one dollar.

(13) I give and devise to my daughter CATHARINE WEBB one dollar.

(14) I give and devise to my daughter HELLEN WEBB one dollar.

(I 5) I give and devise to my daughter ALACE WEBB one dollar.

(16) I give and devise to my granddaughter TEMPA WEBB the daughter of MARSON WEBB one dollar.

(17) I leave to be sold if not exposed of in my life my mill with about fifty acres of land attached to the mill pond by my Executor named here after one other piece known as the BATTLE land containing sixty-two acres being the same more or less, and one other piece known as the KNIGHT piece containing sixty-eight acres being the same more or less and one other piece known as the BARRON piece containing fifty-two acres more or less. I wish after all of my just debts be paid by my executor that the remainder of the money that derived from the sales of my mill and three small pieces of land be equally divided amongst all of my lawful heirs.

I do here by constitute and appoint my trusty friend T A B THORN my lawful Executor to all intents and purposes to execute this my last will and testament according to the true intent

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Research Report

1804 NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA BOND

State of N. Carolina

Nash County Know all Men by these Presents that we Owen Sillivent and Ismel Strickland are held and Do Stand firmly Bound unto the Justesese of the County Corte of Nash in the full and just Some of one Hundred Pounds Ciront Money of this Staite to the true and well payment of which we bind Our Selves Our Heirs - Exetors Administrtors and assigns Jointly by these presents Sealed with with Our Seals and Daited this 8th Day of May 1804

The Conditions of the Above Obligation is Such that if the Above Boundant Owen Sillivent does keep up a good Safe Passabel Bridg Across Contentaney Creek at Woodards foord where the Bridg now Stands free for all Persons for for the full tirme of Seven years from the 8th Day of December Last that then the Above Bond to be nul and void Other wise to Remain in full force Power and Virtue Signed Sealed and acknowledged in Presents of us
TestWilliam Moore

Owen Sillivant (Seal)
Ishmael Strickland (Seal)

Source: Nash County, North Carolina Bridge Record, 1779-1834. C. R. 069.925.3.

ANSWER TO A PETITION

State of North Carolina Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
County of Nash February Term 1834

The answer of Isaac Strickland to the petition exhibited against him in this Court by Gideon Strickland

This Defendant saving and reserving now & at all times hereafter the full benefit of exception to the many errors & insufficiencies in said Petition contained, for answer to so much thereof as he is advised it is material he should answer, answering he sayeth, - that it is true that he is the owner of a mill on Tossnot swamp, and that the Petitioner is as this Defendant believes the owner of a tract of land adjoining thereto, - that the mill owned as aforesaid by this defendant, was erected as he understands & believes more than 100 years since, and has continually remained standing & in operation since that time except when at occasional intervals when the dam might have been destroyed by high water, - that for many years after its erection and especially during the life of Mark Strickland (from whom the Petitioner claims title to the land mentioned in his Petition), and at his death, the water in the pond was two or three feet higher than it now is, or has been, since this defendant became the owner of said mill as he understands and believes, & consequently covered more land than is now covered, - that it is wholly untrue that this defendant has at any time raised the water in the pond, or that the petitioner has been injured by any act or thing done or performed by this defendant.

This Defendant further answering saith that he believes it to be true that the Petitioner desires his title to the land before mentioned under the will of Mark Strickland deceased and that the devise is in substance as stated in the petition but he denies that the said devise is to he understood or construed to give to the Petitioner any part of the land covered by the water of the pond, - After the devise to the Petitioner as aforesaid the Testator by a subsequent clause 1 tes as follows - "I give to my beloved wife Martha Strickland for her support during her life or widowhood half the profits of the land & mill whereon I now live" and the other half he gives to his son Mark Strickland to be enjoyed immediately and to the said Mark he gives the whole of the said land & mill on the death or marriage of the said Martha, it will be recollected that at the death of the Testator & for a long time before, and at the making of his will, the mill was standing and in full operation and as this Defendant believes covered more land than it does at this time, and certainly covered the same land which it now does, - and this Defendant submits that it was the intention of the Testator that his widow & his son Mark should hold, use & enjoy the said mill in the same manner & to the same extent that it had been held, used & enjoyed by himself, and that he did not intend that the devise to the Petitioner should include any part of land then covered by the mill pond - The six acres excepted out of the devise to the Petitioner this Defendant believes was contemplated by the Testator to be laid out around the mill house for the ordinary milling privileges, to furnish a residence for the Miller, with the necessary enclosing for a field & garden and for wood & to repair the houses & dam and he insists that such exception cannot be construed to refer to land covered by the mill pond - but it was his intention that all the land which the pond covered should pass with the mill to his wife & son, and this defendant is advised that as such intention cont s no rule of law the said devises will by this Court be construed according thereto.

This Defendant further answering saith that the said Testator died in the year 1810 as he believes, and that since that time the water in the pond of which the Petitioner complains, has been always as high as it now is, and covered the same land, & during all that time as this defendant believes the Petitioner has been the owner of the adjoining tract devised to him as aforesaid, yet until the filing of this Petition, no step has been taken to establish a right to the land so covered, or to recover damages from any owner of the mill for any injury sustained by reason of overflowing the same, and this defendant now claims & insists on every right & advantage to which such acquiescence on the part of the Petitioner may entitle him.

This Defendant further saith that at the death of of said Mark, (the Testator) he was the owner of much more land on the same side of said swamp than has been given to the petitioner and that all his land so owned was in one tract, and this defendant believes that under the devise aforesaid of five hundred acres, the Petitioner now holds six or seven hundred

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acres and that at least he now holds the full number of acres devised to him, independently of that now claimed -

This Defendant is advised that as his title to the mill is admitted by the Petitioner it is not necessary that he should particularly set forth the same, but he saith that he deduces his title by regular & legal conveyances in fee simple from the said Mark the younger the devisee aforesaid, who at the death of his Mother the said Martha became the sole owner of the said land & mill, and that he has such deeds of conveyance ready to exhibit whenever required so to do, & this Defendant prays that the said deeds & the will of the said Mark the Elder which is on file in the office of this Court, may be taken as part of this answer -

This defendant denies the right of the Petitioner in the premisses in every part, and prays hence to be dismissed with his costs, in this behalf most wrongfully sustained -

Will Plummer
for Petitioner

State of North Carolina
Nash County

Isaac Strickland maketb oath that the several matters of fact set forth in this answer as of his own knowledge are true, those not stated to be of his own knowledge he believes to be true.
sworn to & subscribed before me Isaac Strickland
the 12' day of Feby 1834 in open court
A. Whitfield C C C

Source: Nash County, North Carolina Mill Records, 1782-1875. C. R. 069.929.3. 1934 folder.

Submitted by Grace Turner. Copied as closely as possible from original.

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and meaning of the same and every part and clause thereof hereby revokin and declaring utterly void all other wills and testaments by me heretofore made in witness wherefore the said DAVID WEBB do hereunto set my hand and seal this the 6 day of November A. D. 1872.

David Webb

Signed sealed published and declared by the said DAVID WEBB.

To be his last will and testament in the presence of us who at his request and in his presence do subscribe our names as witnesses thereto.

RICHARD B EASON
JOS S EASON

DAVID WEBB

Submitted by: Josephine W Webb and Betty B Reason

A Southern Plantation. Not all the people in the South lived in plantations. In fact, in 1850, only about 350,000 white families, out of a total of 1,800,000 held slaves. Fully two-thirds of the white popularion of the South had no direct connection with slavery. The plantations varied considerably in size, but a thousand acres of land and a hundred slaves were regarded as the most productive unit. The total annual cost of feeding and clothing a slave varied from \$15 to \$50.

Submitted by Faye W. Hayes, Courtland, VA.

Research Report

WILL OF STEPHEN WELLS, SEN. 1807

In the name of God, Amen. I, **STEPHEN WELLS, SEN.**, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being weak of bodily strength, but of sound mind an memory (Blessed be God) do this eighteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seven make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

First, I lend to my beloved wife, **ELIZABETH WELLS**, my plantation whereon I now **live** her life time, also I lend her one negro woman named **SILVE**, also on negro girl named **LETT**, also one still to her, her life time; after her decent, I give and bequeath to my son, **JEREMIAH WELLS**, my plantation whereon I now **live** being one hundred and fifty acres of land more or less. Also, I give to him the aforesaid negro woman **SILVE** and negro girl **LETT**, and each of their increase that they shall have from this present day and date, also my still to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, **STEPHEN WELLS, JUNR.**, one hundred acre of land adjoining **VICK, PRIGEN**, and **JOSHUA WELLS** lines it lying in the aforesaid County. Also, one negro girl named **LEECY** and her increase, also one horse of his choice of three young horses, also one feather bed and furniture, to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, **JOHN WELLS**, one negro boy named **HARRY** to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, **MARTHA DAUGHTRIDGE**, one young horse after my son **STEPHEN WELLS, JUNR.**, takes his choice, to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, **MILLEY MAY**, one feather bed and furniture to her and her heirs forever.

Item: All my estate that I have not heretofore lent to my wife, **ELIZABETH WELLS**, nor given way to my children, I lend to my wife, **ELIZABETH WELLS**, her life time, and after her decease, it is my will and desire that there be an equal division among four of my children: **JOHN WELLS, STEPHEN WELLS, JEREMIAH WELLS**, and **MARTHA DAUGHTRIDGE**, to each of them and each of their heirs forever.

Item: I hereby make and ordain my two sons **JOHN WELLS** and **JEREMIAH WELLS** **executors** to this my last will and testament. Witness my hand seal the day and year above written.

STEPHEN WELLS (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us; **JOHN VICK, JOSEPH COCKRELL, DELILAH POPE.**

Submitted by: Janice C. Sharpe [Copied as closely as possible].

JOHNSTON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
FOOT SOLDIERS, 1755

A List of the Company of Foot Soldiers Commanded by Captain Simon Herring and his Inferer officers

Joshua Herring Leiugh ^t	John Tucker	Stephen Blackman
Anthony Herring Ensign	John Boring	Stewart Hood
Rich ^d Sarsnett Ser ^t	Ja ^s Pate	Sam ^l Pate
Will ^m Hines Ser ^t	John Tomson	Sam ^l Parker
Philip Stone Ser ^t	Isaac Hines	Theophil ^s Baxter
Necodemus Tompson Corp ^l	Jacob Herring	Thomas Hughes
James Parker Corp ^l	Joseph Herring	Tho ^s Boy't
George Parker Corp ^l	John Sutton	Tho ^s Boy't jur
David Clark Corp ^l	John Roach	Tho ^s Serser
Thomas Boykin Corp ^l	John Grant	Tho ^s Tomson
Joseph Dawson Drum ^r	Ja ^s Daniel	Tho ^s Dartry
Soldiers	John Argoe	Tho ^s Harrison
Anthony Herring	John Roach jur	Tho ^s Pitt
Benjamin Sarser	John Rowland	Tho ^s Box
Caleb Hughes	Jacob Tomson	W ^m Belk
Charles Hopton	Isaac Dawson	W ^m Hullett
Charles Hines	John Blake	W ^m Vining
Charles Creell	Josh Howell	W ^m Dawson
Daniel Turner	John Cotton	Andrew Bass
Edw ^d Hood	Lewis Howell	Sam ^l Box
Edw ^d Hood jur	Lewis Rown	W ^m Boring
Edw ^d Williams	Mager Croom	Tho ^s Lewis
Frederick Herring	Moses Boy't	W ^m Waddell
Griff ^m Jones	Mark Handly	Will ^m Ham
Gershom Wiggins	Neth ^l Daniel	Tho ^s Hood
Gershom Wiggins jur	Neth ^l Walters	John Johnston
George Boy't	Rich ^d Deen	John Smith
George Heartsfild	Rich ^d Jones	W ^m Walters
George Holder	Rob ^t Hines	John Herring
John Creell	Rob ^t Argoe	W ^m Wiggins
John Walters	Rich ^d Rowland	John Grant jur
John West	Rob ^t Robinson	

A true Ccopy of the list p^r Jn^o Crowson C^k

To the Honourable Co^l Lewis Dorossett to lett you know the full Curcumstance that my Company is in we have Collours and has Sent for a Drum and as for Other Armes but very poorly fixed but few guns and no Amernition nor none to be had of Any Consequince So as your honour or his Excellency is Desirous to know from your Inferor to Com^d _____
Octob^r 7th 1755

Sim^o Herring

On reverse: Cap^t Simon Herring. Johnston Co. 1755.

Source: Military Collection, Troop Returns (1747-1893). Militia 1755-1773. Box 2.
Submitted by Grace Turner. Original spelling retained.

New Book in the Genealogy Room, Wilson County Public Library.

History and Genealogies of Old Granville County, North Carolina, 1746-1800, Thomas McAdory Owen, 975.653

Family History: Lawrence M. Wade

This family moved often, and lived in the Black Creek area around 1921.

Lawrence M. Wade, b. Harnett Co., NC, 1 Oct 1882
m. 25 February 1906 to

Cornelia Collier, b. Johnston Co, NC, 28 May 1890

Children:

George Freeman Wade, b. Wayne Co., NC, 12 Dec 1906

William A. Wade, b. Wilson Co., NC, 5 Dec 1908

Gladys V. Wade, b. Harnett Co., NC, 28 Sep 1912

Eva Mae Wade, b. Johnston Co., NC, 22 Sep 1914

James Millard Wade, b. Wilson Co., NC, 14 Jul 1916 d. 18 Dec 1917

Clara Lee Wade, b. Johnston Co., NC, 2 Sep 1918

Herbert Riley Wade, b. Wilson Co., NC, 29 Jun 1921 d. 5 Jun

1942. M. Mary Erdene Walls (d. of Mark Mellon Walls & Pearl Virginia Ingold).

Pauline C. Wade, b. Wilson Co., NC, 19 Nov 1922

Lawrence M. Wade, Jr., b. Wilson Co, NC., 23 Dec 1923

Leland C. Wade, b. Wilson Co., NC, 21 Jun 1926

Etheline Wade, b. Pitt Co., NC, 22 Jul 1928

Submitted by Jay Vinson, Clayton, NC, grandson of Herbert Riley Wade

Family Bible Records

JACOB J. BARNES

J. J. Barnes of Wilson, N. C. and Smithey Farrell of Wilson, N.

C. were married on the 18th of Dec. 1873

at Oliver Farrell's by K. H. Winstead. Witnessed by Thomas Farrell, Johnathan Giliferd

Births

Jacob J. Barnes the son of Vincent Barnes & Elizabeth his wife was borne the 20th day of August 1849

Smittey Farrell was borne Nov. 27th 1851

Jenny Elisabeth Barnes daughter of J. J. Barnes & Smithey

Barnes his wife was borne September the 10th 1874

Arry O. Barnes was borne March the 30th, 1876

Cloe Barnes was borne Jan the 21st, 1878

George W. Barnes was born March the 10th 1880

Sidney J. Barnes was born Oct. the 28th, 1881

Sular Barnes was born Nov. the 23rd, 1885

Frank T. Barnes was born May the 25th 1886

Lafayett Barnes borne Nov. the 28th 1822

Deaths

Sydney J. Barnes died Nov the ___ 1822

Transcribed from photostatic copies of the family Bible Record in Bible Record files of N. C. Archives. Copied as closely as possible. Sue Evans Powell.

Research Report

The Handley Family Files

Member Robert Handley of Vancouver, Washington, has completed work on his family and has filed his comprehensive report with WCGS where it may be read in its entirety in the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library. Here are selected excerpts from his report.

THE HANDLEY FAMILY AND OTHER RELATED FAMILIES OF NORTH CAROLINA

Early documents of North Carolina show that a **William Hanley** was an imigrant to Bath County in September 1701. Here is a List of Emigrants, brought to Bath County, North Carolina, for which land was granted to the person bringing them, or inducing them to come:

Davis, Edward	Fulton, Samuel	Edwards, Thomas
Davis, Susanna	Early, Thomas	Hardee, John
Brown, Wm.	Wiggins, Wm.	Brown, John
	Hanley, Wm.	Ellis, Wm.

There is a possibility that the above **William Handley** was related to **Mark Handley**, possibly his father but no evidence exists establishing any relationship. **Mark Handley's** son **James**, name a son **William** who appears to have been the fourth child born to him, based upon the will he left. This **William** would have been born probably after 1774. No other **William Handley** has been identified in this part of North Carolina within this time frame, except one. This **William Handley** was captured during the Revolutionary War by the British, and probably forced to enlist in the British Army. He was placed aboard the Ship "Success Increase." The record maintained by the British show him to be age 21 (during 1780-81) and that he was from Dobbs County, North Carolina. He could have been possibly a son to **John Handley, Senior**.

The first proven person of the **Handley** family to appear in North Carolina was **Mark Handley** who was living in Craven County as early as 1738 when he was found "not guilty" in a civil suit brought by John Becton in the Craven Precinct; North Carolina Court Session of September 1738.

According to some of the descendants of **Mark Applewhite Handley**, the great grandson of **Mark Handley**, **Mark** came from Ireland (probably Northern Ireland). Other than this family tradition, no evidence has been found indicating his country of origin. On April 20, 1745, **Mark Handley** received a grant of 100 acres of land on the east side of Stoney Creek (near the town of Belfast), but may already have been living in the area. A later land transaction refers to the **Mark Handley** patent of 150 acres on Stoney Creek (then Johnston County), but no record of that grant could be uncovered, other than a document entitled, "March Court of Claims 1756," whereon it states that **Mark Handley** was Patentee, number 104; number of acres was 150; that the land was in Johnston County; a number " 19" in one column, and " 1161 " (maybe number of warrant) in another, both column headings being illegible. In 1745, however, Stoney Creek, now in Wayne County, was in upper Craven, the county-where **Mark Handley** can be documented as living in 1738.

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We find that **Mark Handley** acquired land from Thomas McClendon, in 1753, and from Michael Rasher, in 1758 (which was apparently his last land transaction), in Johnston County, North Carolina. **Mark** also served as a private in the Muster Roll of Captain Simon Herring's Company (see page 7 of this newsletter), Johnston County, North Carolina, October 7, 1755. Little else could be found about **Mark Handley**, but some thoughts emerge when tidbits of data are put together. In order to be involved in a court suit in 1738 without the need for a guardian, **Mark Handley** had to be at least twenty-one (21) years of age, suggesting that he had to be born no later than 1717. There is a record of surviving lists of probate action taken by individual counties in North Carolina from 1753 to 1790 which had been forwarded to the Secretary of State.

The will for **Mark Handley** most likely was destroyed in one of the courthouse fires, as efforts to obtain a copy were unsuccessful. However, it is proved that he died in about 1764 in Dobbs County, leaving his widow, **Elizabeth** (aka **Dicey**), and his son, **John**. It is assumed that the **Elizabeth** mentioned above was his widow. Also, a List of Taxables for Dobbs County for 1769 does not show the name of **Mark Handley**, but does show **John** and **James Handley**, his sons.

A deed in 1783 to **John Handley** describes the property as "joining the land of **Mark Handley**." However, the land at that time apparently was held in a life estate by **Mark Handley's** widow, **Dicey**, but still listed in his name. In the 1786 Wayne County Tax List, a female, **Dicey Handley**, appears as the head of a household on a tract of 100 acres. In the same Tax List are **John** and **James Handley**. This supports the concept that **Dicey** (or **Dicy**) was the widow of **Mark Handley**; that she was occupying the 100 acre tract that he had received in 1745; and that **John** and **James** were their sons. Furthermore, **John** was definitely a son of **Mark** based upon a document resulting from a Council held at Brunswick on Friday the Sixth Day of April 1770.

Mark and his wife, **Dicey**, had at least three children: **John**, **James** and **Aley**, and possibly a **William**, as mentioned above. Their daughter **Aley** was married to James Davis, probably in about 1765 in Dobbs County. There was also a **Jesse Handley** who shows up as a voter at an election of one senator and two members of the House of Commons to represent the County of Dobbs which was held at the courthouse the 10th and 11th March 1779. **John Handley** voted as well in that same election. There was also a **Thomas Handley** who lived in the same proximity and time frame who could have been a brother to **John** and **James Handley**, or possibly a brother to **Mark Handley**.

No actual proof exists that **John** and **James** were brothers, but the surviving evidence sustains the conclusions. First, **Mark Handley** was the only **Handley** to live and remain in the present Wayne County area between 1738 and 1764. No other **Handleys** received land grants, engaged in land transactions, left wills or estate papers, or appear in available tax lists or abstracted court minutes for those years. Secondly, **John** and **James** begin appearing in the public records almost simultaneously in the late 1760's. Both obviously became of age about

that time which would put them a generation removed from **Mark Handley**, thus supporting the father-sons conclusion. It would also mean that **John** and **James** were most likely born in North Carolina since **Mark** had been in the area at least since 1738. Both **John** and **James** received land grants on Stoney Creek, but the earliest deeds refer to property adjoining their own lines.

There is no record of how they acquired their first landholdings, but it seems most probable that they had received portions of their father's land. Existing documents show that **Mark Handley** held a minimum of 300 acres, but by 1786 his widow, **Dicey**, paid tax on only 100 acres. The deed index for Dobbs County and the deeds of Wayne County do not indicate that **Mark Handley** sold any of his property. This strongly suggests that **Mark** gave a substantial amount of land to each of his sons as they came of age, a practice very common at the time. They may have also inherited land from their father's will in 1764. The existence of such will vanished in one of the many courthouse fires.

The land around the headwaters and upper fork of Stoney Creek became the homeland of the **Handley** family in Wayne County. The general area is presently located about two miles east-northeast of Belfast and south-southeast of Stoney Creek Church. State Road 1547 passes through the middle of the old **Handley** lands.

New Members this Month:

Debbie Davison, Princeton, NC. Surnames: Rose, Tedder, White

Howard "Mark" Whitley, St Pauls, NC. Surnames: Whitley, Lamm, Ferrell, Mayo, Hinnant, Horn, Ruffin

Planned for the February 1996 Issue

Lewis Rountree Deed of Sale, Grace Turner
Tison vs Raspberry warrant, Grace Turner
Petition for Erecting a Saw & Grist Mill, Grace Turner
Elizabeth Wells will, Janice Sharpe
John Wells will, Janice Sharpe
Solomon Wells will, Janice Sharpe
Frederick Wells will, Janice Sharpe
Bell vs Beeman case, Grace Turner
Jesse Barnes Bible Records, Sue Evans Powell
Frederick Bell will, Grace Turner

Planned for the March 1996 Issue

Annual Index, 1995
Member surnames of interest, Carroll Arthur

Research reports and family records will be considered for publication based on space available, suitability for and interest to our membership. All submissions are subject to editing for space and concise content. If space is tight, publication preference will be given to submissions from members in good standing.

As guidance, we publish only materials related to Wilson County, and its parent and neighboring counties (Edgecombe, Dobbs, Wayne, Nash, Greene & Johnston).

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Publications of the WCGS

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	Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1860.....	\$25.00
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	(includes all five schedules; every name index; 390 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, March 1994)	
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BOOKS IN PROGRESS (You may order, but please do not send payment yet)

Nash County, North Carolina, Census of 1870 (Available 1996, price TBA)

Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1900 (Scheduled late 1996, price TBA)

Total number of books ordered @\$25..... \$ _____

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Membership/Subscription WCGS/Trees of Wilson @\$10..... \$ _____

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TREES OF WILSON

The Newsletter of the
Wilson County Genealogical Society



February 1996

Editor: Grace Turner

Volume 5, Number 2

President's Message

Our thanks to member Betty Reason for sharing her enthusiasm and good work at our January meeting. It is rewarding to see someone so deeply involved and successful in her research.



We all came away with a sense of sharing her accomplishments and wanting to know more about our own family's surroundings. An upcoming tips column will be devoted to that subject.

Your program committee is considering an evening trip in place of a regular meeting to the Mormon Family History Center in Goldsboro for an introduction to the use of the International Genealogical Index and other materials housed there. This would involve a car pool or bus rental and we need to discuss this and have a show of interest at the February meeting in order to make arrangements. Bring your thoughts and opinions.

And thanks for the wonderful turnout at the January meeting. The attendance of thirty was a new record for the Society.

Henry Powell

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February 27th Meeting Member Share & Tell

Continuing with our plan for informational meetings mixed with sharing meetings, the February 27th meeting (7 p.m., Wilson County Public Library meeting room) will offer attendees an opportunity to share the oldest family artifact in their possession along with some family history to give it life.

Presumably this artifact will be portable (perhaps a book or photograph) and of general local historic interest to other members. Plan to limit your presentation to 3 to 5 minutes.



Following up on the September 1994 meeting on computer programs for genealogy, if time permits, we may have a presentation on *Family Tree Maker*. Requests will be taken for free copies of the Wilson County Family Connections GEDCOM file and other software, including either of two genealogy record keeping programs (*Brothers Keeper* for DOS or *Kith & Kin* for Windows).

New WCGS Forum Wilson Daily Times Column

On January 16, 1996, The Wilson Daily Times published the first of a monthly series of articles entitled *Family Connections - Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society*. We are pleased to have a local outlet for genealogical information as it has been a long time since the Hugh Johnston *Looking Back* columns (now available on microfilm in the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library.)

Written under the general supervision of the WCGS publications committee with the help of the Help Me committee, the column is authored by various members and published on the third Tuesday of each month on the *Lifestyle* page.

Number Five is Here Happy Birthday to WCGS



The first meeting of the Wilson County Genealogical Society was held on February 26, 1991 with eighteen people in attendance. Several of these founding members continue to be active, however, Marshall Daniels has gone to continue his research in the Eternal Archives. One hundred thirty people have joined the society since 1991. By the end of 1995 there were eighty-eight paid members. While many new members have come from around the nation, the local membership now stands at about fifty percent.

The Society has published five books and established this newsletter at the end of its first year. At the beginning of the sixth year, the Society is financially sound and seems to be well regarded by its members as a satisfying outlet for personal interests in local genealogy and an information source for anyone with Wilson County family connections and interests.

Dues, Dues Dues

Dues are past due! If your address label says "N", then this is your last issue of *Trees*. Renewal of your membership is \$15 for those who have waited until after February 1.

New memberships are \$10 when-ever received. A new membership received after October 1 will cover the rest of that year and all of the next year.

Trees of Wilson is published by the Wilson County Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894-0802. Telephone 919-243-1024.

Trees is published monthly except for December and one summer month. An annual index is published in the March issue. Annual membership includes a subscription to the ten issues published each year. A new membership is \$10; renewal is \$10 before 1/31 each year or \$15 thereafter.

Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties. PC word processing diskette copy encouraged; camera-ready copy appreciated.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; nonmembers should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

Officers:

President: Henry Powell
Vice President: Deborah Mitchell
Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Powell
Board Members: Paul Darden,
Lenore Smith, Grace Turner

Corrections: Please make these changes to previous newsletters.

January 1996: Family History, Lawrence M. Wade, p.8. Herbert M. Wade married Erdene Wall. He died **5 Jun 1982**. Family Bible Records, Jacob J. Barnes, p.8. Sular Barnes was born 23 Nov **1883**. Lafayette Barnes borne 28 Nov **1892**. Sidney J. Barnes died **24 Nov 1882**.

New Members

Doris Bissette, 905 Ensworth Road, Wilson, NC 27896. Phone 919-243-2549. Surnames: Riley Renfrow.

Becky Boyette, 302 Brentwood Drive, Wilson, NC 27893. Phone 919-243-2773. Surnames: Daniels, Renfrow, Rouse, Riley.

Betsy Gunter Johnston, 1006 West Vance Street, Wilson, NC 27893. Phone 919-237-0000.

Letters & Queries

• from Hazel D. Williams, 2039 Berry Roberts Drive, Sun City, FL 33573. "... I am doing research on my Drake family connections from Nash & Wilson Counties. I seek information on the parents (and other details) of my great grandparents, Thomas Nicholas Drake (1832-1904) and Charity Avent, married in 1857. They had a son, Thomas Dawson Drake (1859- ?) who married Mary E. Duke (my grandparents). Both are buried in Maplewood Cemetery. My father was their child Samuel Ottis Drake. Is there any information on Minnie Doris Drake (died 6 October 1974).

I have found a note from a deed book that says "Deed Book 20 - p.650 Nicholas Thomas son of James - deceased 12-31-1852." What does this say? Would the deed information be in Wilson County or in the State Archives?

Charity Drake's will is listed in County 069, 1899 WB 6/55 in archives. Is it possible to get a copy of this?

Since Thomas N. died in 1904 where would his will be?

I am the last Drake living of this line. As Thomas Dawson Drake moved to Texas in 1899 I have had only his family Bible to work from - there was little communication with anyone in NC. I remember a "Cousin Minnie" visiting back in the 1950s.

Ed.Note: A SASE was enclosed and will be sent to anyone interested in tackling Mrs. Williams' questions. She has offered to pay any charges associated.

An offer from new member Jay Vinson of Clayton: "I have done a lot of research on the Tomlinson, Stevenson and Vinson families in Johnston County and will be happy to try and help anyone interested in these families." (address below)

Carol Pridgen Martoccia, 903 East Fifth Street, Greenville, NC 27858. Phone: 919-752-2609. Surnames: Pridgen, Brown, Bright, Ruffin, Loftin, Gray, Graves, Pittman, Holland, Williams.

Patricia G. Morton, 485 Andergren Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801. Phone: 540-434-5738. Surnames: Morgan.

James Thomas Vinson III (junior member), 2201 Jack Road, Clayton, NC. Sur-

From The NC State Archives

• Jeffrey J. Crow has been named the new director of NC Archives & History, the nation's largest historical agency and the third oldest.

New publications, available from Historical Publications Section, 109 E. Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-1907.

• *Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives: State Agency Records*. 855 pages. \$33 (includes shipping). The first revision in 30 years, this document will be available on the Internet in the future through RLIS (Research Libraries Information Service).

• *The Papers of Zebulon Baird Vance, Vol. 2*. Edited by Joe A. Mobley. 436 pages, \$39 including shipping.

• *Sherman's March through North Carolina: A Chronology*. Wilson Angley, Jerry L. Cross and Michael Hill. Day to day account from early March 1865 through May 4, 1865. 129 pages, \$11 including shipping.

• *State Troops and Volunteers: A Photographic Record of North Carolina's Civil War Soldiers*. Greg Mast, 381 pages, \$54 includes shipping (first edition sold out, second edition due soon). **A copy of this publication is available for reference in the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library.**

• *Journal of a Secesh Lady: The Diary of Catherine Ann Devereaux Edmondston, 1860-1866*. (third printing). 850 pages, \$39 including shipping.

Forthcoming publication from the State Archives:

• North Carolina Petitions for Presidential Pardon, 1865-1868.

• Guide to Research Materials in the North Carolina State Archives.

names: Applewhite, Collier, Moore, Dixon.

Address Corrections:

Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 2001 Jeri Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23464.

Kim Glover, P.O. Box 1476, Sharpsburg, NC 27878.

Albert Page, 158 East 2140 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84115.

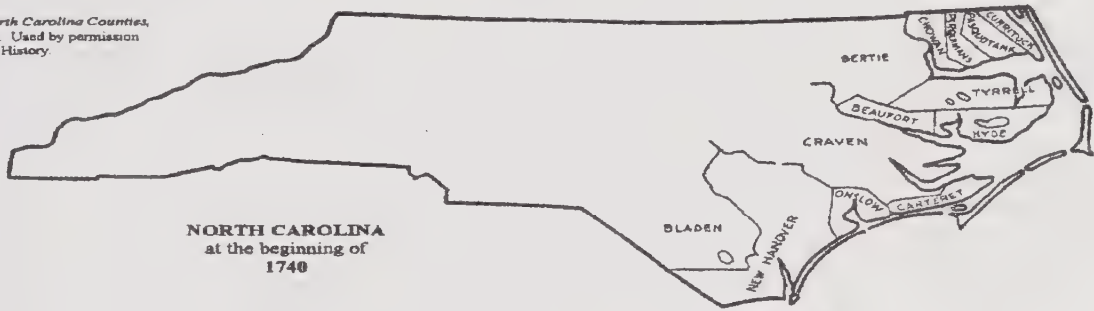
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Tracking the Elusive Ancestor

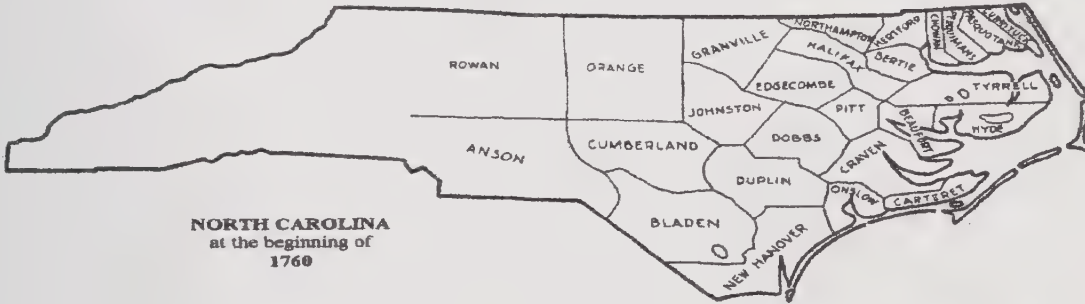
Help on tracing County boundaries through the years. An ancestor listed in Craven County in 1745

could be in Dobbs County in 1777 and in Wayne County in 1805 and never move from the same house.

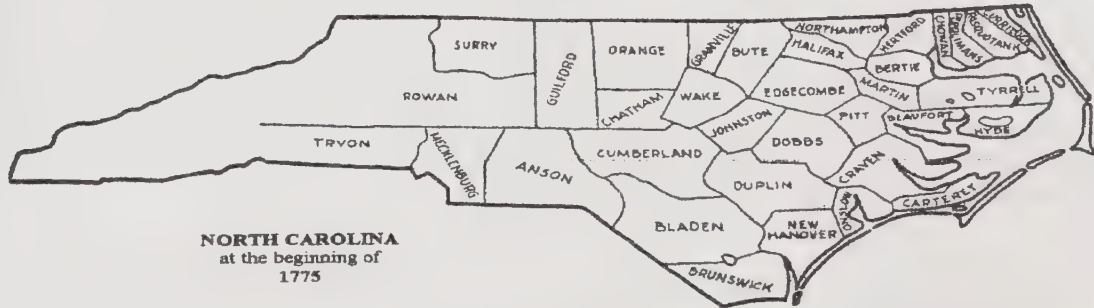
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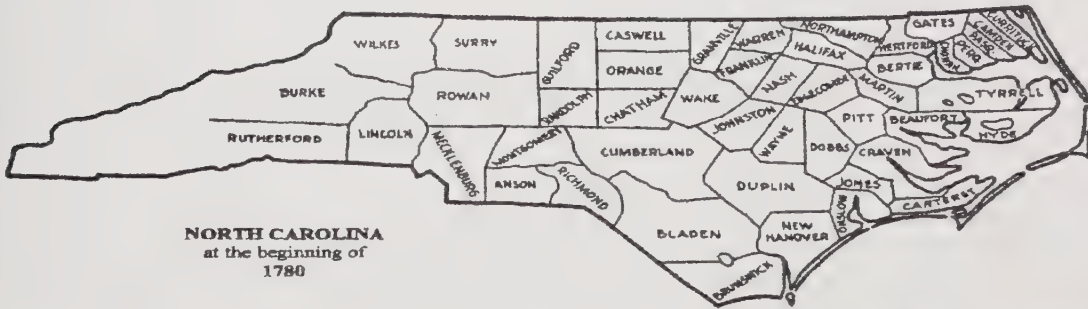
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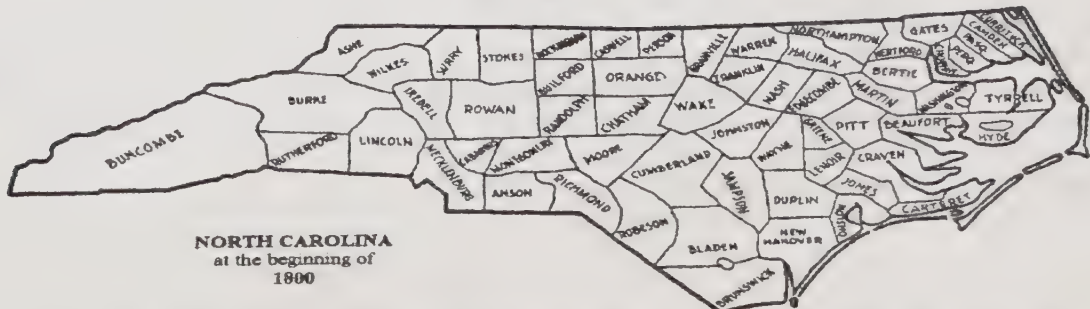
NORTH CAROLINA
at the beginning of
1760



NORTH CAROLINA
at the beginning of
1775



NORTH CAROLINA
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RESEARCH REPORTS

Lewis Rountee Deed of Sale

This Indenture made this 12th day of March in the year one thousand Eight hundred thirty eight between Lewis Rountree of the County of Edgcomb & State of North Carolina of the one part and Mckinley Durdino of the County of Wain and State afore said of the Other part witnesseth for in consideration of the sum of One thousand four hundred dollars to me in hand paid by the Said Mckinley Durdino at or before the Seling and Delivery of these presents the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowlege and my self hereby fully satisfied contented and paid have given granted bargained and Sold delivered and by these Presents do absolutely and freely give grant bargain and Sell Alien convey and confirm unto him the said Mckinley Durdino and his heirs for ever a cirtain tract or parcel of land Situate lying and being in the County of Wayn Containing by estimation Six hundred Acres be the same more or less Bounded by the land of William Pope Robert Simms Jacob Daniel and Others together to have and to hold Occupy and to edjoy th said bargined land and premises to the Mckinley Durdano and his heirs for ever and I the Said Lewis Rountree for my self my heirs Executors and Administrators & assigns the said bargained land and premises together with all houses Orchards woods and waters and water courses with all the appertainences there into belonging or in any appertainin thereto shall and will warrant and forever Defend Close and free unto the said Mckinley Durdino and his heirs forever in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and fixt my Seal the day and year above writen Signed Sesid and Delivered in the Presents of us

Matthew Pope
Seth Ward

Lewis Rountree (Seal)

Wayne County Augt. Term 1842

Then was the above Deed of Sale from Lawis Rountree to McKinly Durden duly proved in open court by the oath of Mathew Pope a subscribing witness & ordered to be registered

On reverse: Recorded in the Registers office of Wayne County the 27th of January 1843 in Liber T page 83, R. Hooks Regr. Deed of Sale from Lewis Rountree to Mckinley Durdeno. Source: Wilson County, North Carolina Deeds of Sale, 1836-1962; C-E. C. R. 105.401.3. (This deed of sale was in a folder labeled "DARDEN") Submitted by Grace Turner. Copied as closely as possible.

Help Wanted

We are swamped with queries and the "Help Me" Committee can not keep up. Is there anyone out there willing to put the interests of others ahead of their own long enough to be helpful? Please contact WCGS at 919-237-1250 or P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894 if interested. No pay, long hours, hard work, personally fulfilling.

Will Abstract: James Stallings 14 Apr. 1782. Prob. Aug. Ct. 1782. Daughter Elizabeth Gulley - Negro Hannah & child. Son Zodock Stallings - Negro Hagar & children. Daughter Ruth Talton - Negro woman Molly for 15 years then to granddaughter Nancy Harper. Daughter Judith Talton - Negro Mark. Son Isaac Stallings - Negro Tony. Son Jacob Stallings - Land lying on NS Neuse River, incl. houses & plant. where I now live. Daughter Sarah Stallings - £80 money in gold or silver. Son Ezekiel Stallings - Land & plant. on SS Noose River. Rem. of Est., after debts are paid, to be divided between children Ruth, Sarah, Zadock, Judith, Jacob, Isaac & Ezekiel. Exec: Zadock Stallings, Robert Gulley. Signed James Stallings. Wit: Henry Blurton, John Brady.

Source: Johnston County North Carolina Will Abstracts, 1746-1870, by Elizabeth E. Ross.

DEFINITIONS OF SOME TYPES OF DEEDS

DEED OF GIFT: A DEED executed and delivered without CONSIDERATION. Although deeds technically transfer title to REAL PROPERTY, many deeds of gift transfer PERSONALITY.

DEED OF PARTITION: A DEED by which parties divide property held by them as TENANTS IN COMMON.

DEED OF TRUST: A conditional transfer of property ownership to a TRUSTEE as a means of securing a debt or the performance of a condition; TRUST DEED; both terms sometimes used to designate DEEDS executed by trustees. A deed of trust can generally be recognized by the mention of three parties, rather than two, in the opening phrases of the deed.

Source: North Carolina Research, Genealogy and Local History, Edited by Leary and Stirewalt.

Grandmother Knows Best: Renowned color consultant, the late Suzanne Caygill designed the homes of celebrities. To deal with all the demands of her schedule, she followed a rule learned from her seamstress grandmother: If she had a job to do, she did it immediately. Too many people waste time I'm Commencing to proceed to get started. Caygill would say. They spend so much time preparing to do something that they often have no time left to do it. If you just dive in, though, you'll be surprised at how fast you get things done. Remember, the best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now. [Now, if I can remember this, just think how much I can accomplish. Grace Turner] Source: Reader's Digest, September 1994 issue. The article, Take Charge of Your Day, was condensed from Time Tactics of Very Successful People, by B. Eugene Griessman.

Edgecombe County Will Abstracts

Thomas Newsom: Written 16 Nov. 1778. Probate Feb. Ct. 1779. Orig. will. Daughter Pattey Boothe - cows and calves, etc., already in her possession. Daughter Kesiah - cows and calves, etc. Son Thomas Newsom - mare, ewes, etc., already in his possession. Daughter Sarah - cows and calves, etc. Daughters Fanny and Mary - cows and calves, etc. already in their possession. Daughters Prissilia, Delane and Hannah - cows and calves. Wife Hannah - half my personal estate and the use of one-third of my land, for her lifetime, and at her death this third shall fall to my son Joseph Newsom. Remaining land to my son Joseph, being land where I now live, as well as half my personal estate. Ex. son Joseph. Wit. Robert Booth, John Bonner, J. White.

Peter Crocker: Written 24 Nov. 1752. Probate Aug. Ct. 1753. Orig. will. Wife Sarah Crocker labor of Negro Moll for her lifetime, and at her death this Negro to be divided among my children, but if my wife should marry I leave this Negro to my children. My wood land is to be sold by Francis Williamson and proceeds paid to my wife, to be laid out for more land which shall be divided between my male children. The money due me from Steven Petypoole is to be used to pay my debts. Ex. wife. Wit. James Williamson, Thomas Barran, Joseph Bridgers. (Probate indicates will presented for probate by Francis Williamson and Sarah Crocker.)

Source: Abstracts of Wills, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, by David B. Gammon. Volume 1, 1732 -1792. Submitted by Grace Turner

Deed of Sale

This Indenture made this the 8 day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and fifty Six between William Gardner of the County of Wilson and state of North Caroliner of the one part and Thomas Johnson of the county and state afforesaid of the outhter part witeseth that the said William Gardner for and in Considerration of the sum of one Thousan Dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledge and him self satsisfid and paid hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Thomas Johnson his hiers and assigns one certain tract or parcel of Land lying and bing in the county of Wilson Begining at Benjamon W Sharpe corner an Martin Thorn Line Est. to Page Branch then up the varias Coress of said Branch to Ely Robbins corner then A Long Ely Robbins Line to Martin Thorn Line then a long said Line to the first station containing by Estimation two hundred and thirteen & half Acors be the same more or liss to have and to hold the foresaid Land and apportainunce on to him the the said Thomas Johnson his hiers and assigns and I the said William Gardner for *myself my* hiers executors administrators and assigns will warrent & for Ever defend the right & title of the afforesaid land and apportainance thare of unto the said Thomas Johnson his hiers Executors Admstrators and assigns clare & and free from the Lawfull clames of All persons what so ever except the grave yard as is on

said Land In witness where of the said William Gardner has here unto put his hand and seal the day and year first written.

William Gardner (Seal)

signed sealed & Delivered in the presence of

W. W. Batts

Source: Wilson County, North Carolina Deeds of Sale, 1836-1962; G-K. C. R. 105.401.5. Submitted by Grace Turner. Copied as closely as possible from original.

Wilson County, North Carolina Wills

Johnson, Thomas: Nov. 5, 1854. Ct. No date. Nash Co. Wife: Obedience. 80 A land to include mansion *house* & all other *houses*, 1 cow & calf, 1 sow & pig, 1 bed & turn., \$100.00, all Negroes, at her death they are to be sold, the money to be equally divided btw. 4 Daus: Zilpha, Nancy, Martha & Agga. Dan: Martha Rountree, \$100.00. Doug: Lurany Tomlinson, \$100.00. Dan: Agga Bell, certain northern parcel marked off. Dan: Nancy Peteway, certain parcel lying in middle or southern part. Exr: Friend, Jonathan T. Dew. Wit: J. D. Rountree, Jos. Barbee.

Proctor, John: Mar. 4, 1871. Ct. Dec. 26, 1884. Bk. 2, P. 374.

Wife: Celeigh Proctor, tract of land where I now live, reversion to gr. son: Reddin Proctor. Gr. son: Reddin Proctor, 1 bed, bedstead & covering, 1 young bay mare, 1 sow & pigs, 1 cow & calf. Gr. dau: Martha Baker, wife of Thomas T. Baker, 1 bed. To my son: John Proctor, one tract of land containing 100 A, the land I purchased from Britton Forbes. Residue of estate sold & money divided equally btw. my 3 children. Exr: None named. Wit: James Barnes, Coffield Barnes. Oath to handwriting of John Proctor: T. J. Gardner, B. F. Briggs.

Source: *Abstracts of Wills, Wilson County, North Carolina: 1855-1899*. By J. Robert Boykin III

Jossey Peele Cemetery

Flat Rock Church Road, Sims, NC

Jossey Peele, Son of Matthew Peele & wife, Martha Williamson
7 Jan 1813 - 25 March 1869

Primmy Peele, Daughter of Jossey & Martha Peele

Sally Peele, Wife of J. Iredell Boykin, 1843-1876

Source: Death certificates; "History of the Bullock Family" by Blanche Loflin; "Bullock-Peele Family Bible Records" in N.C. Genealogical Journal, Vol. 12, No. 4, pg 206; oral tradition.

James Iredell Boykin Cemetery

James Iredell Boykin, Son of Alsey Boykin & wife Chelly Fulghum, Dec. 1828 - July 12, 1902

Garland Boykin, Son of T. Benjamin & Minnie Raper Boykin
1909-1910

Hardy Boykin Jr., b. 1786, d. 1837

Mary Lindsey Boykin, wife of Hardy Boykin Jr., b. 1790 d. 1855.

Sarah Boykin, (daughter of Council & Missouri Peele Boykin),
Wife of Woodard Boykin, Aug 30, 1895-May 22, 1919

E(dward) C. Boykin, son of J. Iredell Boykin & Lilah Taylor
Boykin, Sep 23, 1886-Apr 1, 1918

Leona Boykin, daughter of T. Benjamin & Minnie Raper Boykin,
Aug 20, 1905-Nov. 28, 1906

Howard Boykin, son of T. Benjamin & Minnie Raper Boykin,
Aug 21, 1897-Nov 18, 1898

Source: Death Certificates; Wilson Daily Times Obituary; oral tradition.

North Carolina
Wilson CountyIn Equity
Spring Term A D 1859

To the Honorable, the Judge of said Court

The petition of John Harrell, Joseph Harrell & Nathan Harrell infants by their next friend & guardian James Barnes, against Willis Webb, Tempy Webb, Dempsey Jones & wife Cinthia Jones, Edwin Ellis & wife Delphia Ellis, Nancy Webb, Ormond Webb, Nathan Webb, David Webb and John T. Webb, respectfully showeth unto your Honor, that John Webb dec'd of the County of Wilson, was in his lifetime and at the time of his death, seized in fee-simple or of some other good estate of inheritance to him & his heirs of the following tracts or parcels of Land to wit: one tract known as the old place, adjoining the lands of Blake Baker & Hiram Forbes, containing about 260 acres - one other tract known as the Shirley land adjoining the lands of B B Barron, Bennett Webb, containing about 230 acres - one other tract known as the Carter land adjoining the lands of Ashly Page & the Bridgers heirs containing about 100 acres - one other tract known as the Wiggins tract adjoining the lands of Blake Baker & Eli Robbins containing about 130 acres - the said tracts lying & being in the County of Wilson, also, one other tract in the County of Edgewcombe adjoining the lands of Jacob Byram & Thomas Felton containing about sixty acres, and being so seized, the said John Webb did depart this life intestate leaving Willis Webb, Tempy Webb, Cinthia Jones wife of Dempsey Jones, Delphia Ellis wife of Edwin Ellis, Nancy Webb, Ormond Webb, Nathan Webb, David Webb, John T. Webb his children and your petitioners John, Joseph & Nathan Harrell grandchildren, children of a deceased daughter Elizabeth Harrell him surviving:

Your petitioners further show that the said John Webb died, in his lifetime, made advancements to some of his children as follows: to Willis Webb a negro boy about \$400.00 besides other articles to Tempe Webb, 100 acres of land - to Nathan Webb four negro slaves valued at about \$1300.00 - to David Webb four negro slaves valued at about \$1600.00 - to John T. Webb \$500.00 in money & four negroes valued at about \$1000.00 and that said advancements are each of greater value than a share.

Source: Wilson County, North Carolina Estates Records, 1854-1959. C. R. 105.508.58. Contributed by Grace Turner.

Death Notices

Barbee, Mrs. Harriet: Aged 61, no date, at her residence in Wilson, of protracted illness. (8-26-80)

Barbam, Dr. R. G.: Formerly of Wilson, no date, in Virginia. He was a K. of H.: therefore insured for \$2,000. (4-1-80)

Barnes, Ben: Colored, burned to death, no date, near Wilson, while burning brush. (4-18-83)

Source: Death Notices from the Raleigh Farmer and Mechanic, Nov. 8, 1877-June 24, 1885.

Letter To The Supreme Court

Raleigh Shelby County, Ten, Febr'y 15th 1838

Dear Sirs, I have a Judgement lying in Johnston County Court of your State, in the name of Lemon Lane, vs. Lodwick Oneal for Princpal & Int. the rise of \$600 I wish you to git it properly authenticated so I can sue him. I have Just Received a letter from the Clerk of the Circuit of Pickens County, Alabama, stateing that the money can be made out of, Ones, that he lives in Pickens County not far from the Court House. Please git it & Direct it enclosed to the Circuit Court Clerk of Pickens County Alabama with instructions for him to give it to a Lawyer for immediate Collection, and on his Reception of the Claim for him to write me when the Money will be made please pay postage of the letters to the Clerk & other Expences which may accrue & Call upon Jas W. Batchelor or Shugan J Davis Either will pay it back you as they have money of mine your early attention to the above will Confer a great favour upon your truly Devoted friend, My son Lewis Daniel is Just made his appearance at the bar, and promises to do well his first fee was \$20 for going about 27 miles to Defend a Man that was tried for forceable Enter & detainer, the next fee was \$150 to Defend a man accsed stealing a Horse & there is two or three more Cases of the same Nature he is employ^d in & about the same fees, he is now attending Tipton Circuit Court how he may git along there I cant say times is quite dull here Money scarce I *am*

Dear Sirs your & Respectfully
Robert B. Daniel

I give my best respects to Cousin J. R. J. Daniel & Please accept them yourself

R B. Daniel

The Judg^{mt} was obtained in Johnston County Court in 1819 or 20 -

Raleigh

Feb'y 14 Ten 25

Honb^{le} J. J. Daniel orEdmund B. Freemon Esq^f

Raleigh

Mail N^o Carolina

Source: Supreme Court Miscellaneous Series, F-P. Box 19. Judgments folder. Submitted by Grace Turner. Original spelling

Boyt Family:

21 June 1875: Jacob Boyt, the grandfather of Albert Boyt, was born in N.C. in 1740 and died in Bladen Co, N.C. in 1858, a Revolutionary pensioner, aged 118. His wife Lydia Thompson Boyt, born also in Wayne Co., N.C. died in 1858 aged 114. The paternal grandfather of Mrs. Albert Boyt, Simon Crowell, lived to 108. Wm. Pyron, the maternal grandfather of Mrs. Albert Boyt, died in 1856 age 106.

Source: Bulletin of The Genealogical Society of Old Tryon County, Forest City, NC. From abstracts entitled: Selected Marriage and Death Notices from the Southern Home.

Petition for Erecting a Saw and Grist Mill

State of North Carolina
Nash County

Court of Pleas &
Quarter Sessions
May 1844

The Petition of Pilgrim F. Williams plaintiff
Vs

Matthew Stallings and Penelope his wife, Elizabeth Baines, John Ferrall & Priscilla his wife, John Taylor, Mark Strickland and Celia his wife, Harriet Taylor & Margarea Ann Taylor infant orphans of William Taylor

To the worshipful the County Court of Nash

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships your petitioner the aforesaid Pilgrim F. Williams that he is desirous of erecting a saw & grist mill on Tossnot Swamp in this County near a public place called Stanhope on a tract of land owned by your petitioner in right of his wife the said Penelope and where formerly there has been was a mill erected by Willie Taylor father of the defendants Elizabeth, Priscilla, Celia & grand father of Harriet & Margaret Ann Taylor. Your petitioner sheweth that he is possessed of the land on the north side of said Tossnot where he is desirous of erecting a mill and that the defendant Matthew Stallings & Penelope are tenants for life of said Penelope after tract opposite said mill scite and that after her death the said tract opposite as aforesaid will belong to the defendants, Penelope, Elizabeth, Priscilla, John, Harriet, Margaret and Penelope wife of your petitioner - Your petitioner sheweth that there is needed for public convenience at the spot designated a mill both for grinding & sawing and he prays that a copy & spo. issue to the defendants requiring them to appear at the next Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Nash at the Courthouse on the second Monday of August 1844 then & there to shew cause &c. And your petitioner suggests that several of the defendants reside out of the limits of the State to wit the defendants Elizabeth Baines, John Ferrall & Priscilla his wife, Mark Strickland & Celia his wife and that Harriet & Margaret Taylor live in this State & are infants without guardian. Your petitioner prays this advertisement be made as to non residents & that he have leave to build a mill at the spot designated and one acre of land condemned for the purposes & uses of said mill & all such further & other things as his consequences &c

Moore for Petnr

Source: Nash County, North Carolina Mill Records. C. R. 069.928.3. 1844 Folder. Submitted by Grace Turner.



Tison vs Rasberry

State of North Carolina
Greene County

Superiour Court of Law

William Tison
Vs
Joseph Rasberry

This action was brought by warrant in the following words, "to wit"

State of North Carolina
Greene County

To any lawful officer of said
County

Whereas William Tison who sues exclusively for himself hath made information to me Joseph Williams one of the Justices of the peace for said County that Joseph Rasberry of the County labourer did on or about the 25th day of March last past set fire and burn a certain part of the woods in said County Contrary to an act of the assembly in that case made and provided, whereby he has forfeited the sum of twenty five pounds to any person sueing for the same

These are therefore in the name of the State to Command you to apprehend the said Joseph Rasberry and him have before me or any other Justice of the peace for said County within thirty days from the date hereof (Sundays excepted) To answer the above Complaint and he dealt with as the law directs, Given under my hand and seal in said County the 23rd day of January 1819.

Summons for plaintiff
Nathan Williams &
John Speirs

Joseph Williams

On the back of said Warrant is indorsed, executed by Isaac Brand Constable.

Judgement against the plaintiff for Eight shillings Cost. January 27th 1819.

Stephen Rogers J.P.

The plaintiff craves an appeal agreeable to law by giving for security

Isaac Brand

Stephen Rogers

Appeal was carried up and stood for trial on the docket of said Court untill May term 1819 when on Trial of Issue the Jury, "find for the defendant," the plaintiff being dissatisfied with the verdict appealed the cause to the Superiour Court giving bond as in Ordinary Cases for prosecuting the appeal. The appeal was brought up by the plaintiff on the 24th day of September 1819 and stood upon the docket of said Court for trial.

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William Tison
Vs

October term 1819

Joseph Rasberry

Continued as on affidavit of defendant for want of deposition,
Commission to issue to Georgia thirty days notice, given to
plaintiff.

William Tison
Vs

April term 1820

Joseph Rasberry

The following Jurors were sworn & impannelled viz, Josiah Sugg
Jun^r Thomas Edwards, Drew Alldridge, Ruffin Pridgen, Richard
Allen, Henry Herrin, William Speight, Josiah Sugg Sen^r, Luke
Turnage, Thomas Ward, Henry Sauls and Joseph Ellis. The case
was as follows,

The plaintiff introduced two witnesses who swore that
about sunset of the 25th March 1818 they saw the defendant put
fire to the woods to burn around a Tar Kiln on his own lands and
that in a day or two afterwards they saw the plaintiffs fence about
half mile from the tar kiln and it had the appearance of being
very recently burned and that they knew of no other fire by which
it was likely to have been occasioned. One of these witnesses
was proved to be a man unworthy of Credit. The defendant
proved that the tar kiln referred to was erected on his lands by
Stephen Tison - that on the morning preceding the day men-
tioned above a fire was discovered to be burning in the woods
about two miles and a half off which excited apprehension for the
safety of the tar kiln - that Stephen Tison applied to defendant to
aid him in burning around the kiln to save it from destruction -
that defendant directed said Tison to notify the neighbors of such
intended burning and that said Tison did so accordingly - that on
the succeeding morning the fire had reached a half a mile nearer
to the tar kiln - that throughout the day it continued to increase
and to approach the kiln and that before the defendant did the act
proven by the plaintiffs witnesses it was within a quarter or half a
mile of the said kiln and a quarter of a mile from the plaintiffs
fence that this fence and the kiln were at least half a mile apart
and not in a line with the first fire, and that but for burning
around the tar kiln the same would in all probability have been
destroyed - there was no evidence offered (other than the above)
shewing or tending to shew that the fire kindled around the tar
kiln extended to any lands other than the defendants - nor was
evidence offered on either side to prove care in extinguishing it
or negligence in permitting it to rage. The Judge instructed the
Jury that under the immirgency of the case if the burning around
the tar kiln were requisite to save the tar kiln the defendant was
excused from the penalty for the act of setting fire to the woods
but that it was incumbent on the defendant to prove that he had
used effectual exertions to prevent the fire from extending to
lands other than his own - and in as much as the defendant had
not established this fact the plaintiff was entitled to their verdict.

Jury gave a verdict accordingly for twenty five pounds. Defen-
dant moved for a new trial an the alledged ground of misdirec-
tion of the Court - motion for new trial overuled Judgement for
plaintiff, defendant prayed and appeal to the Supreme Court of
North Carolina, which was granted by his giving David Scar-

borough and James Porter Securties for the prosecution of the
said appeal who entered into the bond, which accompanys &
makes a part of this manuscript.

The following affidavit was also filed in support of the motion
for new trial, viz,

William Tison

Greene Superior Court of Law

Vs

April term 1820

Joseph Rasberry

The defendant in the above cause maketh oath that he hath ever
understood from the issuing of the warrant against him to the
trial of the issue before the Jury in this Court that the ground
and only ground on which a penalty was sought to be recovered
from him by the plaintiff was for putting fire to the woods with-
out due notice to the neighbors. On this ground the action was
tried before the magistrate and tried before the County Court on
both which Occasions this defendant succeeded in repelling the
charge. To the knowledge or belief of this defendant the
penalty was never sought to be recovered on the allegation that
proper exertions had not been used to extinguish the fire untill
such ground was taken in the argument in in this Court and
after the evidence was closed. The defendant declares that in
Consequence of this latter ground having never before been in-
timated or pretended his attention has been exclusively directed
to shewing the circumstances under which the fire in question
Commenced, and was perfectly surprised by the new position
taken by the plaintiff and on which as he believes the verdict
was rendered. This defendant doth declare that he did make
every reasonable effort to prevent the fire in question from do-
ing mischief to any person and entertains the confident hope
that he can repel the plaintiffs claim on the new ground taken if
an opportunity be afforded him to procure proof.

Sworn to in Open Court

Joseph Rasberry

James G. Sheppard Clk

I James G. Sheppard Clerk of our said Court do hereby certify
the foregoing to be a true and correct statement of the records
our Superior Court of law for the County of Greene in said
Cause. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed my seal of office.

James G. Sheppard Clerk S.C.

The act of assembly on which this warrant is founded,
was evidently designed to punish a deliberate, or a wanton set-
ting fire to the woods, by the owner of the land, without giving
the requisite. It certainly did not contemplate the case of a
mans setting fire to his own woods to save his property or his
land from the ravages of an approaching fire. To make the fir-
ing in such a case unlawful without notice, were to compel a
man to become a passive spectator of the destruction of his
property?

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It is then only in cases where a notice must be given that the penalty can be incurred for not taking effectual care to extinguish the fire. If a person does not come within the act, he cannot be liable for not doing anything enjoined by it; and the obligation to take effectual care, is imposed by the act on those only, who are also found to give notice.

There is another reason for this conclusion. The act requires effectual care to be taken to extinguish the fire, so that the party must extinguish it as all events, otherwise his case is ineffectual, and he must pay the penalty. Although this might be perhaps exacted from a person, who is at liberty to chose his own time to set the fire, and who may accordingly provide himself with the aid of his neighbors to prevent its spreading, yet it would be unreasonable to expect it from one who fires the woods from a sudden emergency and in his own defence. Nor is there any necessity for so harsh a construction of the law, for a person injured by the negligence of him who does the act has a remedy of common law. Wherefore think the judgment ought to be reversed.

J. L. T.

Source: Supreme Court Case # 1072. Tyson vs Rasberry
Submitted by Grace Turner. Original spelling retained.

JAMES GRACE: Nov Ct 1801. [Incomplete). Greene Co. James Grace vs John Taylor. Jurors: Samuel Hooker, Kinchen Faircloth, Samuel Butts, Francis Harper, David Scarborough, Richard Allen, Stephen Eason, Noah Beeman, James Butts, John Pope Jr, Obadiah Dixon, Francis Killpatrick. Defendant appealed, gave bond with James Taylor & Etheldred Smith securities. Expenses noted for the following: Kinchen Britt, William Britt, William Exum, Elizabeth Britt & Samuel Speight. 23 Jan 1802. Deposition of John Taylor of Greene Co. He stated that James Grace by John Grace his gdn brought action against him in Green Co for negro Jem; that he the sd Taylor appealed the verdict; that sd Jem was formerly the property of James Grace the father of ad James Grace who because of debt gave Jem to sd Taylor; that the use of the sd negro should have been for life & sd James the elder is still alive. 25 Jan. 1802. John Grace gdn of James Grace answers. He noted a case between himself & Benjamin Sheppard. He noted that James the elder was "very subject to Spirituous Liquors" and "spent and squandered" much of his property, but by deed of gift 8 Apr 1793 gave the greater part of his property to his children, making no reservation for life interest; that sd James the elder assigned certain debts to sd John (who was of age), to William Grace, & the negro Jem was hired out to sd Taylor for 1 year by the father as natural gdn to his son James & the rest of the minor children.

Source: New Bern District North Carolina Loose Estates Paper, 1775-1810, Abstracted by Dr. Stephen E. Bardley, Jr.

Robert Peelle V descendents

The prominent local Quaker settler, Robert Peelle (the V is a convenient designation of his place in a long line of ancestors of the same name) settled on Great Swamp between Black Creek and Nahunta. There are hundreds of his descendents around today including WCGS members, Richard Ellis, Sue Evans Powell, Ann James, Carol Peele, Henry Powell and doubtless others as Peelle daughters married into Lamm, Boykin, Boyette, Woodard, Thomas and other early families. We recently received information about another descendent who is attempting to produce **THE** definitive work on the family. Here is information for those who wish to know more about this work in progress: Horace V. Peele

12806 Chateau Forest
San Antonio, TX 78230

Planned for Future Issues

(Ed. Note: some items previously listed for inclusion in this issue could not be included for lack of space. These will be included in later issue. At the present time we have a backlog of several months of material awaiting publication, however, additional contributions are welcome)

Annual Index, 1995

Member surnames of interest, Carroll Arthur

James Scarborough house - probably not. Vera Stallings

Assault on Henry Powell, Grace Turner

Inquisition concerning death of Joseph Syms, Grace Turner

Wills of Johnston County, Grace Turner

Ellis vs Amason, Greene county, Grace Turner

Edward Hubbard power of attorney, Grace Turner

James Smith deed of trust, Grace Turner

James Griswold military land warrant, Grace Turner

Boyt Family, Grace Turner

Revolutionary War Pensions, Grace Turner

Research reports and family records will be considered for publication based on space available, suitability for and interest to our membership. All submissions are subject to editing for space and concise content. If space is tight, publication preference will be given to submissions from members in good standing.

As guidance, we publish only materials related to Wilson County, and its parent and neighboring counties (Edgecombe, Dobbs, Wayne, Nash, Greene & Johnston).

Materials may be submitted in any word processing format on a 3.5" diskette (IBM format only please). Electronic and Paper copy will be converted to the type face (Times Roman) and size (10 point) used for this publication. Original and/or non-copyright line art may be accepted for publicaion if the subject matter is appropriate. We are particularly interested in sketches of ancestors and ancestral homes. Art will be scanned and reduced to fit the space available.

February 1996

Publications of the WCGS

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_____	Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1860.....	\$25.00
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_____	Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.....	\$25.00
	(includes all five schedules; every name index; 390 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, March 1994)	
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TREES OF WILSON

The Newsletter of the Wilson County Genealogical Society



March 1996

Editor: Grace Turner

Volume 5, Number 3

President's Message

If you missed the February meeting then you missed a fun program. "Oldest family artifacts" turned out to be a great-aunties best black dress and hat (Wilson, early 1900s), a great great great grandmother's copy of a very early American novel (printed 1816) and a grandfather's first reading primer (Stantonsburg, 1878). Also shown: a family Bible, wool carding equipment, a beautiful hand-loomed coverlet, old letters, tobacco twine crocheting, a shoe, bloomers, a feedsack bonnet, and an early keychain.

Our April meeting will be a road trip to Goldsboro to the Mormon Family History Center. Mark your calendar now for April 23 in Goldsboro. We will car pool from the Library at 6 pm. This will be a learning experience for anyone who wants to know more about using the extensive resources in the Mormon collection. More details in the April newsletter.

Attendance at the meetings continues to break all past records. We're glad to see you. Come back ... and bring your friends!

Henry Powell

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Next Meeting, March 26

Did your ancestors really come from Virginia or did they come directly from Europe (probably England, Wales or Scotland). Perhaps a distant ancestor stopped for a while in New England or in the mid-Atlantic states.

While many of us think that we know how it all worked, we probably don't know the rest of the story. Wilson County is noted for farm families with solid, conservative views and a lot of children. Is this purely coincidence?

Mr. Marion Moore of Elm City will offer his extensive views and observations on patterns of immigration from Virginia to Eastern North Carolina as the speaker at our next meeting, (March 26, 7 PM) at the Main library. Mr. Moore comes to us highly recommended for his in-depth research and understanding of our ancestral trails.



NEW MEMBERS

Alice Baker, 4739 Quaker Road, Wilson, NC 27893. 919-237-8856.

Almyria Webb Berry, 1040 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, VA 23666. 804-826-6301. Surnames: Webb, Barnes, Wilkins, Tosto, Petway, Williams.

Horace B. Peele, 12806 Chateau Forest, San Antonio, TX 78230-1908. 210-492-2222. Surnames: Peele

Larry Redmon, 7800 Barbour Manor Drive, Louisville, KY 40241. 502-423-8915. Surnames: Mercer, Cooper, O'Neal, High, Privette, Lamm.

John Foster Speight, 315 West Green St., Apt B., Wilson, NC 27893. 919-291-1621. Surnames: Speight, Langston, Bolton, Faircloth, Fields (former member)

Member Research Forum

Our regular subscribers know the pattern of publications included in *Trees of Wilson*. We get occasional letters telling us that this is useful and interesting information and, on that basis, we continue to print more of the same.

Regular readers also know that almost all of these research reports are prepared by our Editor, Grace Turner, based on her work in the N.C. State Archives. Focusing on relatively obscure information from our parent counties, Grace's reports often unearth unexpected treasures in the way of mentions of early ancestors. We are all grateful for her work and look forward to more each month.

But ... we have dozens of members, many of whom produce research materials of great interest. Perhaps Grace's good work overwhelms us all but we would like to include a wide variety of materials. Family tree segments are always interesting as are any snippets of family history. Remember that we have members all over the U.S., eagerly looking for a mention of their family. Let's increase the level of participation from all members. Don't be shy. Your work is worthwhile - share it!

Wanda L. Taylor, 225 Riviera Drive, Elm City, NC 27822. 919-442-0873. Surnames: Lamm, Pearson, Boykin, Lewis, Medlin, Montgomery.

Address change:

Isabell Evans, 36 Emerald Drive, Maumelle, AR 72113-6039.

Membership count:

New & renewal as of 3/14/95	76
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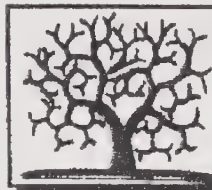
Next Month in *Trees of Wilson*

We will partially resume our regular publication of member research reports, however, April is the month for the full membership report with surnames of interest, which will take up a large part of the newsletter. We feel that this is important to the work of every member by telling others what each member is working on. We know there is a lively correspondence going on between many members and, perhaps, you will find new sources of information to help with your own work.

The index included in this issue is a major project, both in terms of time and in mailing/publication cost. This work is necessary to validate *Trees of Wilson* as a periodical with serious intent and we hope that you will find it to be useful.

Wilson Daily Times Column

In order to make this information available to all of our members (many of whom do not read or receive the *Wilson Daily Times*), we are reprinting the monthly column prepared for the local paper by WCGS.



Family connections

Questions, answers and
information from the
Wilson County Genealogical Society

Applewhite family ties reach deep in community

The Wilson County Genealogical Society will be answering questions about family origins and connections in Wilson County through this monthly column and can assist anyone doing specific research. Please visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on local families. A volunteer from the Genealogical Society is often available to help on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Q. I am interested in tracing my great-great grandparents, A.P. and Cora Moore. Do you have any information? J.V. in Clayton.

A. Andrew Paul Moore (1878-1960) married Cora Applewhite (1867-1940) in 1900. We don't have much information on the Moore family other than his father was Jesse Moore and his mother was Winniford Owens.

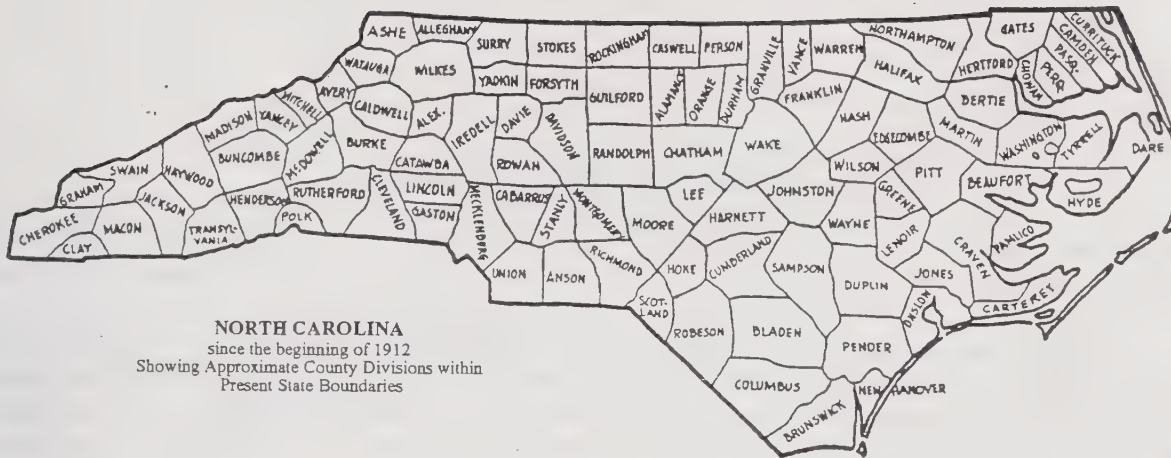
The Applewhites settled in Wilson County in the 1700s and married into local families including Thompson, Barnes, Joyner, Lane and Stanton. They were prominent landowners and merchants in the Stantonsburg area. Later, Applewhite descendants include Wainwright (warehouse) and Harrell (Coca-Cola). Cora's mother was Virginia Whitley from Johnston County,

one of 10 children of Dr. Hiram Whitley, descendant of John Whitliff (1715-1781.) Cora's relatives alone would fill several pages of the Wilson telephone directory and in addition to Whitley, include Lancaster, Yelverton, Crocker, Sherard, Barnes, Farmer, Shingleton and Boykin to name a few.

The WCGS "Help Me" Committee can often find answers for you. Send your questions to P.O. Box 802, Wilson, N.C. 27894 or call 237-1250 after 6 p.m. Some questions and answers will be published in this column.

The society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except in December, July or August, at 7 p.m. at the Wilson County Public Library. Annual membership (\$10) includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter "Trees of Wilson County."

Volunteers are needed for several ongoing projects of the society, including the Bible Records group headed by Paul Darden (243-6111) which locates and photocopies family records listed in old Bibles to place on file in the Genealogy Room in the Library. Please call Darden if you have an old family Bible with records that would be useful for the files.



NORTH CAROLINA
since the beginning of 1912
Showing Approximate County Divisions within
Present State Boundaries

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

Code	County	Date	Parent(s)	Code	County	Date	Parent(s)
.001	Alamance	1849	Orange	.055	Jackson	1851	Haywood, Macon
.002	Albemarle*	1664	Original County; <i>abolished</i> 1739	.056	Johnston	1746	Craven
.003	Alexander	1847	Iredell, Caldwell, Wilkes	.057	Jones	1779	Craven
.004	Alleghany	1859	Ashe	.058	Lee	1907	Moore, Chatham
.005	Anson	1750	Bladen	.059	Lenoir	1791	Dobbs
.006	Ashe	1799	Wilkes	.060	Lincoln	1779	Tryon
.007	Avery	1911	Mitchell, Watauga, Caldwell	.061	Macon	1828	Haywood
.008	Bath*	1696	Original County; <i>abolished</i> 1739	.062	Madison	1851	Buncombe, Yancey
.009	Beaufort	1705	Bath	.063	Martin	1774	Halifax, Tyrrell
.010	Bertie	1722	Chowan	.064	McDowell	1842	Rutherford, Burke
.011	Bladen	1734	New Hanover	.065	Mecklenburg	1762	Anson
.012	Brunswick	1764	New Hanover, Bladen	.066	Mitchell	1861	Yancey, Watauga, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell
.013	Buncombe	1791	Burke, Rutherford	.067	Montgomery	1779	Anson
.014	Burke	1777	Rowan	.068	Moore	1784	Cumberland
.015	Bute	1764	Granville; <i>abolished</i> 1779	.069	Nash	1777	Edgecombe
.016	Cabarrus	1792	Mecklenburg	.070	New Hanover	1729	Craven
.017	Caldwell	1841	Burke, Wilkes	.071	Northampton	1741	Bertie
.018	Camden	1777	Pasquotank	.072	Onslow	1734	New Hanover
.019	Carteret	1722	Craven	.073	Orange	1752	Johnston, Bladen, Granville
.020	Caswell	1777	Orange	.074	Pamlico	1872	Craven, Beaufort
.021	Catawba	1842	Lincoln	.075	Pasquotank	1668	Albemarle
.022	Chatham	1771	Orange	.076	Pender	1875	New Hanover
.023	Cherokee	1839	Macon	.077	Perquimans	1668	Albemarle
.024	Chowan	1668	Albemarle	.078	Person	1791	Caswell
.025	Clay	1861	Cherokee	.079	Pitt	1760	Beaufort
.026	Cleveland	1841	Rutherford, Lincoln	.080	Polk	1855	Rutherford, Henderson
.027	Columbus	1808	Brunswick, Bladen	.081	Randolph	1779	Guilford
.028	Craven	1705	Bath	.082	Richmond	1779	Anson
.029	Cumberland	1754	Bladen	.083	Robeson	1787	Bladen
.030	Currituck	1668	Albemarle	.084	Rockingham	1785	Guilford
.031	Dare	1870	Currituck, Tyrrell, Hyde	.085	Rowan	1753	Anson
.032	Davidson	1822	Rowan	.086	Rutherford	1779	Tryon
.033	Davie	1836	Rowan	.087	Sampson	1784	Duplin
.034	Dobbs	1758	Johnston; <i>abolished</i> 1791	.088	Scotland	1899	Richmond
.035	Duplin	1750	New Hanover	.089	Stanly	1841	Montgomery
.036	Durham	1881	Orange, Wake	.090	Stokes	1789	Surry
.037	Edgecombe	1741	Bertie	.091	Swain	1871	Jackson, Macon
.038	Forsyth	1849	Stokes	.092	Surry	1771	Rowan
.039	Franklin	1779	Bute	.093	Transylvania	1861	Henderson, Jackson
.040	Gaston	1846	Lincoln	.094	Tryon	1768	Mecklenburg; <i>abolished</i> 1779
.041	Gates	1779	Chowan, Hertford, Perquimans	.095	[Not assigned]		
.042	Glasgow	1791	Dobbs; <i>abolished</i> 1799	.096	Tyrrell	1729	Chowan, Bertie, Currituck, Pasquotank
.043	Graham	1872	Cherokee	.097	Union	1842	Anson, Mecklenburg
.044	Granville	1746	Edgecombe	.098	Vance	1881	Granville, Warren, Franklin
.045	Greene	1799	Glasgow	.099	Wake	1771	Johnston, Cumberland, Orange
.046	Guilford	1771	Rowan, Orange	.100	Warren	1779	Bute
.047	Halifax	1758	Edgecombe	.101	Washington	1799	Tyrrell
.048	Harnett	1855	Cumberland	.102	Watauga	1849	Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Yancey
.049	Haywood	1808	Buncombe	.103	Wayne	1779	Dobbs
.050	Henderson	1838	Buncombe	.104	Wilkes	1777	Surry, District of Washington
.051	Hertford	1759	Chowan, Bertie, Northampton	.105	Wilson	1855	Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, Wayne
.052	Hoke	1911	Cumberland, Robeson	.106	Yadkin	1850	Surry
.053	Hyde	1705	Bath	.107	Yancey	1833	Burke, Buncombe
.054	Iredell	1788	Rowan				

ASSAULT ON HENRY POWELL

State of North Carolina
New Bern District

Superior Court of Law
January Term 1805

The Jurors for the State aforesaid upon their oath present that Lewis Wilson late of the County of Johnston (planter) on the fourth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & four with force & arms at the County of Johnston in the District of New Bern, with a certain pen knife which he the said Lewis Wilson in his right hand then & there had & held in and upon one Henry Powell in the peace of God & our said State being, did make an assault with an intent him the said Henry Powell then & there feloniously, wilfully & of his malice aforethought to kill & murder & other wrongs to the said Henry Powell then & there did to the great damage of the said Henry Powell & against the peace & Dignity of the State

Henry Seawell Atto Genl

(enterlined before sent
H. S. atto Genl)

Source: New Bern District Superior Court. Criminal Court. D. S. C. R. 206.326.5. Folder #6.

INQUISITION CONCERNING DEATH OF JOSEPH SYMS

State of North Carolina
Johnston County

Inquisition Indented
taken at Joseph Syms's

in the County aforesaid the Fifth day of April in the Year of our Lord 1800 before me Willis Watson Coroner of the said County upon View of the Body of Joseph Syms late of said County then and there lying Dead and upon the Oath of Joseph Ingram Abram Gamalian William Bulls William Farmer Hugh Cravey Jesse Tiner Elijah Eason Benjamin Woodard Davis Strickling Cornelius Lynch Samuel Walden and John Whitley Good and Lawful men of Johnston County who being charged and Sworn to enquire how and in what manner the said Joseph Syms by his Death came, upon their Oaths do say that on Viewing the body of said Syms we find a number of Shot had penetrated the Belly of said Joseph Syms which we believe Occasioned his Death and from the Oath of Joseph Syms after he was Shot ~~and upon the Oath of Joseph Syms after he was Shot~~ and upon the Oath of Jacob Syms after the Death of Joseph Syms we believe that John Bridgers Wilfully murderd the said Syms contrary to the Peace and Dignity of the State In Testimony whereof as well I the said Coroner as the Jurors aforesaid to this Inquisition have Surrally put our Seals the Day Year & place first above written

You Molly Sharp of Johnston County Acknowledge yourself In debted to the State of North Carolina in the sum of Five Hundred pounds, to be void on Condition that you make your personal appearance before the Judges of the Superior Court of New Bern District to be held on the fifteenth day of July next then and there to give Testimony against John Bridgers being Charged and committed for committing a murder on the body of Joseph Syms and not to depart the Court without leave

Jacob Syms of Johnston County Acknowledges himself indebted to the State of North Carolina in the sum of Two Hundred and fifty pounds to be void on Condition that he makes his personal appearance before the Judges of the Superior Court of Newbern District to be held on the Fifteenth day of July next then and there to give Testimony against John Bridgers being charged and committed for comitting a murder on the body of Joseph Syms late of the County aforesaid and not to depart the Court without leave

Joseph Boon Esquire of Johnston County acknowledges himself indebted to State of North Carolina in the sum of Two Hundred and fifty pounds void on Condition that Jacob Syms of Johnston County and State of North Carolina make his person appearance before the Judges of the Superior Court to be held for the District of Newbern ~~to be held~~ on the fifteenth day of July next then and there to give Testimony Against John Bridgers, being committed and charged with comitting a murder on the body of Joseph Syms late of the County aforesaid and that the said Jacob do not depart the Court without leave
Acknowledged before me
the 8th day of April A. D. 1800

Jn^o Bryant J. P.

Source: New Bern District Superior Court. Criminal Court. D. S. C. R. 206.326.5. Folder #1.
Submitted by Grace Turner.

WILLS OF JOHNSTON COUNTY

Joseph Sims (Syms): Written 3 Apr. 1800. Prob. May Ct. 1800. Brother Jacob Syms - All land & livestock; household furn.; 2 guns; tools. Rem. of prop. to be sold by Exec. and not the sheriff. Any money rem. after just debts are paid, equally divided between brothers Benjamin Syms, Joel Syms, Edmund Syms, John Syms and sister Hester Wise. Exec: Uriah Bass, Edmund Syms. Wit; Frances Wise, Morris Wise. Signed Joseph Syms.

Sarah Sims: Written 20 June 1770. Prob. May Ct. 1771. Son Joseph Sims - Plant. where he lives; feather bed & furn.; negroes Bob & Charles; livestock. Grandson Benjamin Bowers - 5 Sh. Rem. Est. to be divided equal between rest of children: Mary Sims, Benjamin Sims. Winifred Sims, Rachel Sims, Patience Sims, Keziah Sims & Christian Sims. Exec: son Joseph Sims. Wit: Joseph Sanderfur, Stephen Senter, Edward Harrell. Signed Sarah Sims.

Source: Johnston County North Carolina Will Abstracts, 1746 - 1870. Vol. I & II, by Elizabeth E. Ross. Revised Edition, 1991.

#1711 - Record for Henry J. Smith: Date of Application September 7, 1870. Born and raised in Johnston County. Residence - Johnston County. Age 16. Dark complexion. Occupation - a soldier for the State of North Carolina. No wife or children. Father is Charles Smith. Mother is Gracie Smith. Brother is Manly Smith. Sisters are Adeline, Laura, Rosanna, and Moaning. No signature on the application.

#7070 - Record for Millard Filmore Smith: Date of Application June 28, 1873. Born and raised in Johnston County, N. C. Residence - Brooklyn, Wilmington, N. C. Age 18. Dark complexion. Occupation - laborer. Father is John W. Mother is named Charity. Brothers and sisters are Ned, Elias, William, Lawyer, Susan and Mariah. No signature by the applicant.

Source: North Carolina Freedman's Savings & Trust Company Records. Abstracted by Bill Reaves. Beverly Tetterton, Editor. Published in 1992, by the North Carolina Genealogical Society; Post Office Box 1492; Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

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 (please return this form at the March WCGS meeting or by mail prior to April 15, 1996)

I plan to attend this meeting

I will provide a car and can take _____ additional people with me

I will need transportation

I will not be able to attend this meeting

Name _____ Telephone: _____



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President's Message

Our March program on immigration to Eastern North Carolina, presented by "Monk" Moore of Elm City, was well received by a record number of attendees. We have several requests for a transcript or tape of this program; notes will be available in due course as the tape was not usable.

We recently announced the availability of a computer diskette with a "Wilson County Family Connections" file in gedcom format. This is an almost universal exchange format for use by any of several widely available genealogy computer programs. This product has been delayed in an effort to get the data onto a single diskette. We apologize for the delay; it should be available in a few weeks.

Several members have asked for a free copy of the Windows shareware genealogy program "Kith & Kin". We no longer supply this because of user problems.

Don't forget that the April meeting will be in Goldsboro (see column at right).

An amendment to the Bylaws of WCGS will be presented for a vote at the May meeting. This amendment was proposed by your Board at a recent meeting after reviewing income, expenses and the need for a larger newsletter. If you will not attend the May 1996 meeting, we urge you to send in your proxy vote (see page 10).

We plan to acquire a copier with the help of several gifts and will be pleased to receive additional contributions to help offset the price. This machine will be used to print the newsletter and to make locally usable permanent copies of the Hugh Johnston working papers (destined for the State Archives at some time in the future).

Henry Powell

Highlights of This Issue . . .

Members & surnames of interest
The Scarborough Family

April 23 meeting at LDS Family History Center in Goldsboro.

A majority of members voting in the February meeting were in favor of holding the April meeting at the Mormon (LDS) Family History Center in Goldsboro.

The purpose of this educational session is to learn how to use these extensive resources. Included are microfilm, microfiche, books and the computerized indices - The International Genealogical Index and others.

Members who have previously made use of these resources seem to agree that these are valuable items to have available in local facilities (there is a similar, larger, library in Raleigh) and have proven useful in moving ahead in individual research projects.

Just as any reference source, all items are probably not absolutely correct (a commonly expressed concern) but nonetheless give important clues to follow from other sources.

You will learn valuable reference and research skills during this visit, particularly how to use computer data bases.

Please meet in the parking lot of the Wilson County Public Library at 6:00 P.M. on Tuesday, April 23 for a car pool and convoy. If you cannot drive there will be others who can take you. No arrangements have been made regarding eating so please make your own plans before or after the trip.

For help with specific directions to the LDS Center please telephone program committee member Mary Helen Schaubhuth at 243-5849

New Members

Mrs. Mae Gums, P.O. Box 36, Norlina, NC 27563. Tel: 919-456-3148

Reatha Bennett White, 611 Poe Street, Wilson, NC 27893. Tel. 919-243-2656.

Surnames: Bennett, Evans, Henry

ByLaw Change Amendment

The Board of the Wilson County Genealogical Society met recently to consider the financial position of the Society, particularly in light of increased postage and printing costs in the publications budget.

Proposed Bylaw Revisions

Article IV

Item D. Annual membership shall be \$15 per person or institution and includes a subscription to the Society's Newsletter. Family memberships shall be \$20 for two or more family members at the same address and receiving one newsletter. Junior membership for persons under age 18, not attached to a family membership, shall be based on the actual annual cost of the newsletter.

Item E. Additional support for the work of the Society is offered as a \$25 contributing membership and a \$50 sponsoring membership.

Item F. Members who have not renewed by the end of January shall be removed from the newsletter subscription list.

The current bylaws read:

Article IV

Item D. The dues for new membership shall be \$10.00 annually. Membership renewals shall be \$15.00 annually unless paid by the end of January in which case there will be a \$5.00 discount for early renewal. Where more than one member of any family shall become members of the Society, the dues for all after the first shall be \$5.00 per member.

Item E. Members under 18 years of age shall not be required to pay dues and shall be non-voting members.

Members wishing to vote *in absentia* on these amendments may submit the proxy form found on page 10 of this newsletter. The proxy form should be mailed to arrive before the meeting of May 28, 1996.

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Wilson Daily Times

Continuing the monthly column, February shown at the right, which is printed in the Wilson Daily Times as a local service of the WCGS.

We have had numerous telephone calls and several letters requesting help with family connections in Wilson County.

We now have work on hand for the next several months and will welcome help from any WCGS member who wishes to help with these answers. Each one normally requires several hours of research and often a trip to Raleigh to dig into the State Genealogy Library or Archives.

We have already had letters from several members in appreciation for including this reprint in the *Trees of Wilson*.



Family connections

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Wilson County Genealogical Society

Readers have questions for genealogy society

The Wilson County Genealogical Society is pleased to help with questions about family origins and connections in Wilson County and can provide assistance to anyone doing specific research. Please visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on local families. A WCGS volunteer is often available to help you on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The next meeting is Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. at the main library.

Q. I am looking for descendants of my great grand-uncle George Washington Williford (b.ca 1852), his daughter, Della Jane Williford Farmer, her half brothers and sisters, William David Sharpe, David W. Sharpe b. 1837, Winifred Sharpe Hardison, or Elizabeth Taylor Williford.

A.S.,
Boulder, Colo.)

A: This query has been referred to our help committee and they will provide full details to the extent available which will then be published in this column.

In the meanwhile, we have located a reference to a Della Jane Williford (1857-1879), listing her as a daughter of Hartwell Williford. She died in the same year as her youngest child.

Her husband, Edwin Farmer, (son of Jesse Farmer and May Polly Batts b. 1851), hired a housekeeper shortly after her death to care for the surviving son, James Luther Farmer. Edwin's brother, John, accused Edwin of improper behavior with the housekeeper. Edwin took John's Civil War musket and shot his brother dead in the front yard.

Edwin hid in the nearby woods and was provided by a sympathizer with a horse and provisions. He departed for points west and left no trails. Edwin's parents, John and Della are thought to be buried in the family burial plot (now abandoned and overgrown) located in the Rosebud area, near Bridgestone/Firestone.

Edwin's uncle was Benjamin Farmer (1756-1826), original owner of the Charles L. Coon High School site. Benjamin's family graveyard still remains at the Corner of Pine and Kenan, however, most of the markers have been lost. A local postman, Bobby Farmer, is one of Benjamin's many descendants in the Wilson area.

Thanks to Evelyn Creech Barnes for lending "The Driver Family" by Margaret Williams as it contains much information on Batts, Bridgers, Farmer, Whitehead, and other families.

The Public Library has a copy listed but it could not be found. Readers, please help this lady if you have any information.

Q. I am seeking information on my grandfather, Harvey Bud Williamson Sr., as it is thought that he once lived in Wilson County.

L.A.
W. Guadalupita, NM.

Q. I need information on Solomon Rouse, my fifth great-grandfather. Origin, birthday, wife, marriage date, military record, other children.

BRB,
Wilson

A. It is difficult to locate an isolated name without some details of birth, death, marriages, offspring, will, land records or some other traces of a person's life. Our Search Committee is working on these. We always appreciate help from our readers, and will print more information as it comes to light.

Q. I would like details on Joel Wilson (1800-1880) and his wife, Barzillia Horne (1806-1800), I think his father was Jimmy Wilson, a minister from Goldsboro who arrived from Virginia via Tarboro, between 1750 and 1800. Their possible children are Joseph J., John William (m. Millicent Stott ca 1860) George Washington and Robert Elbert Wilson.

A.L.P.
Bailey

A. Reader assistance needed.

Q. An anonymous (why?) inquiry seeks verification of the story that Oliver Cromwell's daughters settled in Edgecombe Co.

A. Cromwell became Lord Protector of England after the defeat of Charles I in the English Civil War. When Cromwell died, his family fled for fear of reprisal from the restored monarchy. There are several Cromwell women mentioned in early Edgecombe Co. records. We'll try to locate a connection and print it here.

Mail your queries to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894 or phone 237-1250 after 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for our ongoing cemetery publication, the fourth volume is now under way. Phone Joan Howell at 284-2978 to offer your help with one of her Saturday excursions (running from about now until it's too hot). You'll get lots of fresh air and a sense of making a contribution to the ages as a copy of each book is placed in the Library of Congress.

Earlier publications may be purchased from WCGS or from the circulation desk in the main Public Library.

The Scarborough Family

Much has been written about the Major James Scarborough House (near Saratoga). I have done research on this house, and I find that James Scarborough never owned the house.

In the 1790 census James Scarborough was listed as being from the Macclesfield area. In the 1815 tax listing he was in the same area, No. 8 district, which included Macclesfield and Crisp. In the 1830 census he was still in the same district. James Scarborough's parents David and Sarah Scarborough first settled on Lower Town Creek near the present Pinetops and were living there when they died.

After the Revolution James Scarborough and Col. Jonas Johnson were granted land which joined each other south of Johnsons Mill Swamp which is now Bynum Mill Swamp.

James Scarborough and wife Penelope and sons Isaac and John were members of Lower Town Creek Church, and in 1818 they asked for permission to leave and constitute a church at Autreys Creek near Crisp (minutes of Lower Town Creek Church). After Penelope died in 1823 James Scarborough married Martha Eason, widow of Abner Eason. They entered into a marriage agreement saying that neither would dower on the other's property, and James transferred to his son, John R. Scarborough, all of the land which he owned reserving a life estate.

However, when James Scarborough made his will, he lent this property to wife Martha and daughter Zillie. John R. Scarborough moved to Ababame in 1835 but was still holding the deed for this property. After James Scarborough died in 1836, John R. Scarborough gave Power of Attorney to (continued on p.4)

Tracking the Elusive Ancestor

A monthly feature with tips, techniques and ideas for genealogists - this month has an useful procedure adapted from a chart submitted by member Horace Peele of San Antonio, Texas.

Money Exchange. what was money worth? The following is an extract from *The Teachers Assistant or A System of Practical Arithmetic* which was published in 1822 by Benjamin Parker of Richmond, VA. This information is taken from pages 122 and 123:

The dollar (\$) and pound (£) were often used interchangeably in these early years of the Republic.

English Currency consisted of 12 pennies (d) to a shilling (s) with 20 shillings to a pound (£). This was the Roman £-s-d system which was used in Britain for almost 2000 years until 1966 and then changed to a decimal system of 100 pence (p) to a pound (£). The shilling disappeared.

DOMESTIC EXCHANGE.

To change the currency of either state into that of any other, work by the theorems below

EXAMPLE.

1. What is the value of £750 Massachusetts currency in New York? Answer £1000 (add one-third)

A TABLE

Exhibiting the value of a Dollar in each of the United States; and practical Theorems for exchanging the currency of either, into that of any other.

To exchange to --> from V	<i>New Eng- land States and Vir- ginia</i>	<i>Pennsyl- vania, Jersey, Delaw. and Maryland</i>	<i>New York and N. Car- olina</i>	<i>S. Car- olina and Georgia</i>
* New England States and Virginia	Dollar 6s. 0d.	Add one fourth	Add one third	Subtract 1/5 twice
Pennsylvania, N. Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland	Subtract one fifth	Dollar 7s. 6d.	Add one 15th.	x 3 1/2 & ÷ 5
New York and North Carolina	Subtract one fourth	Subtract one 16th	Dollar 8s. 0d.	Multiply by 7 and divide by 9
South Carolina and Georgia	Add two 7ths.	Add 1/2, 1/7 that 1/2 and 1/2 that 1/7	Multiply by 12 and divide by 7	Dollar 4s. 8d.

* The New England States are, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

The Scarborough Family (continued from p. 2)

Pleasant Sugg to sell the property for him. In 1837 Martha Scarborough entered a dispute to the will petitioning for dower and charging John Scarborough with fraud. The jury ruled that there was no fraud and the petition was dismissed.

Dissatisfied with the verdict, Martha appealed to Superior Court. The Superior Court Minutes are not in the Archives for that year, but she must have won dower rights because in 1839 John Scarborough sold 250 acres south of Johnsons Mill Swamp to Martha's son Jonothan T. Eason subject to Martha's dower rights. Jonothan Eason sold the other 67 acres north of the swamp to Enos Harrell.

In 1842, Jonothan T. Eason sold the 250 acres to Martha Tunnel Dupree and William Dupree. In 1876, Martha Dupree and daughter Rebecca Cummings sold the 250 acres to Benjamine F. Eagles (a great grandson of James Scarborough). Part of this property is still in the Eagles family at Crisp, N. C.

Isaac Scarborough, son of James Scarborough had also lived near his father, but after his father's death, he sold all of his property there. Isaac Scarborough did own the house that has been named the Major James Scarborough House but did not inherit anything from his father. He bought the property in 1841.

In 1835 the property was owned by Thomas Amason. In 1835 Thomas Amason sold the property to Joab Horn and Thomas Burt and went to Alabama. Later James J. Phillips bought Thomas Burt's undivided interest. On November 24, 1841, Joab Horn and James J. Phillips sold the property to Isaac Scarborough. In Isaac Scarborough's will he said that the home plantation that he left to wife Nancy and then to daughter Isaac Susan was purchased from Joab Horn.

I would have liked very much for that beautiful old house to have belonged to my great, great, great grandfather, but I know that it did not.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 22, page 442
January 15, 1840

Known to all by these present that I Jonothan T. Eason of the state of North Carolina and county of Edgecombe of the one part and Martha Tunnel of the county and state aforesaid of the other part for in consideration of one thousand dollars to me in hand paid by the said Martha Tunnel I the said Jonothan T. Eason do hereby sell bargain and convey unto her the said Martha Tunnel one certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the county and state aforesaid on the south side of Tar River and bounded as follows beginning on Johnsons Mill Swamp Margaret Ruffin corner and running with her line to Stephen Edwards line thence with Edwards line to Isaac Eason line thence with said Eason line to Susam Hines line thence with her line to the Miss Swamp and thence up said swamp to the beginning containing 2 hundred 50 acres be the same more or less said tract of land being the land belonging to James Scarborough (dec.) to have and hold the above bargained premises unto the said Martha Tunnel I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty.

Jonothan T. Eason

Martha Tunnel
Martha A. R. Dupree

Court Minutes

I do hereby nominate S. Whitaker my Attorney for me and in my name to enter my dispute to the last will and testament of my late husband James Scarborough. In witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my seal and assigned my name this 21 day of May 1836.

Martha Scarborough

Martha Scarborough widow of James Scarborough by her attorney S. Whitaker in open court her dispute to be entered to the last will and testament of her husband James Scarborough.

COURT MINUTES 1837

May 22, 1837 Court
Martha Scarborough

vs

John R. Scarborough

Petition for Dower

The following jury were duly impanneled to wit:
William D. Hopkins, Noah Leggett, James Sherrod, William Clark, Robert D. Wimberly, Harman Ward, Exum Moore, Coffield King, William Jenkins, William Mercer, Nathaniel Tunnell and William Bradley, who being charged say they find that there is no fraud as alleged by the petitioner. The case coming on to be heard on petition, answer, verdict of the jury and other exhibits. It is ordered by the court that the petition be dismissed with cost, with which decision the planitiff is dissatisfied and prayed on appeal to the Superior Court which is granted. She entered into bond in the sum of \$400.00 by her attorney S. Whitaker with Benjamin Sharpe and Benjamine Tyson security for the prosecution of the said appeal with effect.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 21, page 444
November 27, 1835. Thomas Amason sold Joab Horn and Thomas Burt for \$2,775.00, 1219 acres on the south side of White Oak Swamp adjoining John Amason, Elisha Felton, Richard Hocutt, and Cabin Branch. Except 1/4 acre for buriel ground.

Edgecombe County Deed Book 22, page 667
August 25, 1841 Action against Thomas Burt for \$860.00 by Richard Harrison. Sold at Court House James J. Phillips highest bidder undivided tract of Thomas Burt. Thomas Burt deded to James J. Phillips his part of land which belonged to Joab Horn and Thomas Burt, adjoining John Amason, Elisha Felton, Richard Hocutt and Cabin Branch on the south side of White Oak Swamp for \$700.00

Edgecombe County Deed Book 23, page 715
November 24, 1841 James J. Phillips and Joab Horn sold Isaac Scarborough for \$2,800.00 1,219 acres south of White Oak Swamp adjoining Richard Hocutt, Elisha Felton, John Amason, Lewis Dilda and Cabin Branch.

Submitted by Vera Webb Stallings

SUPREME COURT CASE # 686
BELL VS BEEMAN

State of North Carolina
Edgecombe County

Superior of Equity
March Term 1818

Joshua Bell

vs

Original Bill

Noah Beeman and others

Ordered that the Bill, plea, answer and finding of the Jury in this case be transmitted to the Supreme Court for their opinion whether the complainant be entitled to a decree against Beeman and if to what decree -

To the Honourable the Judge of the Court of Equity for the County of Edgecombe -

The Bill of complaint of Joshua Bell of the County of Halifax planter against Thomas Goff of the County of Edgecombe, Sally G Bell of the County of Edgecombe Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Frederick Bell dec^d, and Noah Beeman of the County of Green Defendants -

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your Honour your Orator the said Joshua Bell, that his father the aforesaid Frederick Bell being in want of money about the year 1801 obtained two hundred dollars on loan from the said Thomas Goff, and to secure the repayment thereof, placed in the possession of the said Thomas a negro by the name of Peter, upon a parole agreement then entered into that upon repayment of the sum so borrowed the said negro should be returned to the said Frederick, and untill that time the said Goff should Keep him and have the benefit of his labour in lieu of interest. In the year 1803, the said Frederick and having made and published his last will and Testament which was duly admitted to probate in the County Court of Edgecombe and the aforesaid Sally Bell qualified as Executrix, and took upon herself the burden of the Execution thereof. By the said will the Testator bequeaths to your Orator the said negro Peter upon your Orators redeeming him as well appear reference being had to the last will and attested copy whereof is hereunto annexed as a part of this Bill. Soon after the death of the said Frederick, your Orator being desirous of availing himself of the benefit of the said bequest, tendered to the said Thomas Goff the sum borrowed as aforesaid, when it appeared by the declaration of the said Thomas that the said negro had been sold by him to the said Noah Beeman, he the said Noah at the time of his purchase being informed by the said Thomas Goff that he held him in pledge for the sum aforesaid, and whenever that should be paid the negro was to be surrendered to the said Frederick. And upon the Tender aforesaid the said Thomas requested your Orator to pay him the money promising that he would procure the negro in a short time but your Orator refused to pay but upon delivery of the negro whereupon the said Thomas promised that he would in a short time procure him and bring him to your Orator, and your Orator partly from a hope that the said Thomas would Keep his promise, and partly because of the straitness of your Orators circumstances hath hitherto foreborn to take any steps to to cause the delivery of the said slave. In the mean time the yearly value of said slave has been much more than Twelve Dollars the legal interest of the same loaned, all which together with the value of the said slave above the sum of two Hundred dollars will be lost to your Orator without the interposition of this Honourable Court. In tender consideration of the premises and to the end Therefore that the said Thomas & Noah may respectively set forth the agreement under which the said Thomas obtained the said negro from the said Frederick and under which the said Noah Obtained him from the said Thomas what notin or intimation the said Noah, before or at the time of his purchase had of the said Fredericks claim thereto what hath been the yearly value of the said negro, since the said Beeman hath had him in possession and what is his present value and that they may answer all the other matters herein before set forth as fully as if the same were repeated and they thereunto interrogated and that your Orator may have such relief on the premises as his case requires, may it please your Honour to grant your Writs of Subpoenas directed to the said Sally Exe' of the said Frederick, and to the said Thomas and Noah commanding them to appear

&c

M Mordeca Sol for Comp^r

The Will of Frederick Bell Dec^d

In the name of god amen I Frederick Bell of the county of Edgecombe & State of North Carolina being of perfect mind & memory do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say -

I give and divise to my wife Sally Goldsmith Bell negroes Nancy, Hannah, Pink and their increase.

I also give to my said wife one Bed & furniture, one walnut Table & her riding Saddle -

I give to my son Reddick Bell Forty Shillings -

I give to my Son Frederick Bell Forty Shillings -

I give to my Son Joshua Bell negroes Lucy, Tim, Essex, Carolina and their increase and Peter should he redeem him -

I give to my Son Noah Bell Negroes Nancy, Seane and their increase and a bay Colt a year old -

I give to my Son Possions Bell negroes Sabina Delar and their increase and a Filly two years old - I

give to my son Hutson Bell negroes Frank, Ruth and her increase and a Bed & Furniture -

I give to my Son Marmaduke Norflet Bell negro Bob and one Square Table -

I give to my Son William Bell negro Jerry & Abe & her increase -

All my property of whatever Kind not herein before & otherwise disposed of I demise shall be sold to effect the payment of all my Just debts and the balance should there remain any it is my will shall be divided between my two youngest children share & share alike as Tenants in common -

I appoint my said wife and Thomas Bell Executors of this my last Will and Testament hereby revoking all Wills by me heretofore made. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my had and seal & published this as my last Will and Testament -

Signed Sealed & Published in

Frederick Bell (Seal)

presence of Wright Bell Tom^s Johnston

Edgecombe County - February Court 1803

The within last Will and Testament of Frederick Bell dec^d was exhibited into Court for probate and was proven by the Oath of Wright Bell who also swore that he saw Tom^s Johnston the other witness thereto subscribe to the said Will and Sally Goldsmith Bell one of the Ext^r mentioned in the said Will was at the same time qualified thereto - Ordered that the same be certified and the Will recorded

Test E Hall C C

The above is a true copy

Test N Mathewson
for E. Hall C C

At March Term 1816 the suit was entered on the Docket and Subpoenas issued and returned executed on Thomas Goff and Noah Beeman - alias to Sally Bell - leave to amend and time to answer by next Term -

At September Term 1816 returned Executed on Sally Bell and Judgment Pro confesso as to Sally Bell and Thomas Goff and the plea and answer of Noah Beeman filed - Replication and Commissions

Source: Supreme Court Case # 686. Bell vs Beeman, 1818.

Submitted by Grace Turner. More in folder not copied by me.

(Sally G. Bell: Inventory and account of sale by Fred. Bell and Marmaduke N. Bell, exrs., Feb. 12, 1826, Feb. Ct. 1826. Account current with the exrs. began Nov. 27, 1825, Feb. Ct. 1828. Source: Estate Records of Edgecombe County, North Carolina, 1820-1850, Vol. II, by Joseph W. Watson.)

MILITARY LAND WARRANT

To the Honorable the General Assembly of the
State of North Carolina

The petition of James Griswold and wife Humbly representeth to your honorable Body that by virtue of a Warrant entered the 13th day of July 1796. Bold Robin Hood surveyor for the County of Wayne did survey a tract of land for James Green Containing one hundred acres (on the 11th day of December 1797 and that a return of the survey was lodged in the office of the Secretary of State together with the Treasurer's receipt for the purchase money to the State and that a grant for the land entered, surveyed and paid for did not issue at the time; And the said James Green having died soon after leaving minor heirs, and your petitioner James Griswold having married the only surviving heir, whose business not being all attend to, the papers have remained since the death of the said James Green in the office of the Secretary of State and no grant for the land has ever issued -

Your Petitioner therefore prays that your honorable body direct the Secretary of State to issue a grant corresponding with the survey and Treasurer's receipt as aforesaid; Which survey & recep^t

are herewith respectfully submitted to the inspection of your honorable Body - And your petitioner as in duty bound will ever pray _

James Griswold

The Committee on Military land Warrants to whom was refered the Petition of the Heirs of Joseph Green have had the Same under Consideration, and ask leave to report

That the Petition States that Joseph Green late of the County of Wayne was appointed an Assistant Commissary of Purchases, in the year 1798. That he was in actual Service in that Capacity untill the Surrender of Charleston South Carolina and was then taken a prisoner and carried to the West-indies in 1780. That he continued in Service as Commissary aforesaid untill 1781 and on examining the Secretarys Office it does not appear That any Grant has ever issued in favour of the Said Joseph Green or his heirs - It appeared from the evidence which was before your Committee That the said Joseph Green had Served as Commissioner aforesaid for about 3 years. Your Committee is Therefore of Opinion That the prayer of the Petitioners should be allowed and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, Resolved That The Secretary of State be and he is hereby directed to issue to the heirs of the Said Joseph Green Military land Warrant for 1645 acres of land. respectfully Submitted

As_ Graves Jo^{bar}??

In Senate,

Decem^r 14th 1822

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby authorized, and required to issue to the Heirs at Law of James Green Deceas^d, that is to say, to Susannah Ann Griswold, wife of James Griswold, and daughter of said Green, and to the other heirs at law of said Green, if any there be, a Grant for One Hundred Acres of Land, in Wayne County, entered by James Green, upon Warrant N^o 789, and dated 12th August 1797, agreeably to the plat of survey, made by the Surveyor of said County on the 11th December 1798, by virtue of said Warrant.

On reverse: Report of the Committee on Military land warrants to whom was refered the Petition of the heirs of Joseph Green dec^d praying a military land Warrant. In Senate Dec^r 29th 1821. The report read and the Resolution adopted.

By order B. H. Covington C S. Warrant. Mr. Graves.

Source: General Assembly Session Records. November 1821-January 1822. Box 4.
Submitted by Grace Turner. Copied as closely as possible from original.

February 1996

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Proxy Form (please detach or photocopy and mail to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894 prior to May 28

ByLaw Amendment: to increase the annual membership dues for WCGS to \$15 per calendar year for a regular member, \$20 for family membership, and \$10 for an individual junior membership; to accept supporting memberships to further the work of the Society at \$25 for a contributor and \$50 for a sponsor.(full details on p.1 of this newsletter)

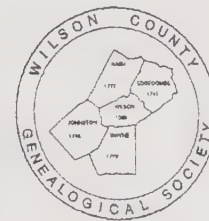
My vote is YES _____ NO _____ I give my proxy to _____ to vote as he/she sees fit.

Name _____ Address _____ Date _____



TREES OF WILSON

The Newsletter of the
Wilson County Genealogical Society



May 1996

Editor: Grace Turner

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President's Message

The April meeting, at the LDS Family History Center in Goldsboro, enjoyed a fine turnout of fifteen eager searchers who quickly dug into the enormous resources of the World's largest genealogy collection. We are grateful to member Mary Helen Schaubhuth for arranging this session. For those who missed the details, the center is open Monday and Tuesday from 10 am to 4:30 pm and on Wednesday from 2 pm until 9 pm. It is easy to reach, just off the access road beside Hiway 70 in Goldsboro. The address is 1000 Eleventh Street and the telephone number is 919-735-7013. You must sign up for use of a computer after you arrive, and there is an hour limit if someone else is waiting.

We have had an excellent response to the March request for member articles. You will see some in the present issue and there are more to come. We are also including excerpts from some of the kind letters we have received recently. Thank you for your support of WCGS.

Henry Powell

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Next Meeting May 28

We have two topics scheduled for this meeting and will fit them both in as best we can so members can learn about each.

(1) Rufus Swain has done quite a bit of work with old family photographs and will share his techniques on how to repair, restore and otherwise preserve these images for future generations. Noted for his stewardship of the City's and County's fine rose gardens, Rufus obviously has other talents as well.

(2) Henry Powell will again demonstrate computer research and management techniques for genealogists. At the earlier presentation, in September of 94, the use of Personal Ancestral File was shown. This time, two programs will be shown: the elegant and elaborate Family Tree Maker with the World Family Tree CD-ROMs, and Kith and Kin, an inexpensive program with good basic features. Both are Windows-based.

We are also scheduled to vote on the proposed bylaw changes to increase the dues to \$15 per year for basic individual membership or \$20 for family membership. Full details of this bylaw change are given in the April issue of "Trees". If you are unable to attend and wish to vote by proxy, you will find a form on the back page of this newsletter issue.

The June meeting, scheduled for the 25th of that month, will NOT be held at the Public Library. This will be our annual social meeting, complete with dinner (usually pot luck). We need a volunteer host or a decision to move to a city park or a restaurant. With attendance running at 25-30 per meeting, the group, with spouses, could be somewhat larger than in the past. This could be a good time to show off your favorite ancestral recipes, but fried chicken, potato salad, etc. are always welcome.

Remember, no meeting are scheduled for July or August.

The Hugh Johnston Project - a status report.

This project was begun about a year ago with the intended purpose of recording and preserving the working papers of the late Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. in a form that would be useful to members of WCGS and to genealogists everywhere.

Mr. Johnston's will directs that these papers be given to the NC State Archives.

The executors of the estate have met with officials of the Archives to discuss the process and reportedly have been given information that would indicate these papers may not be made publically available because of their fragile quality and the fact that the records consist of many small notes and scraps of paper.

A delegation from WCGS met with Mrs. Johnston to discuss ways in which these records could be made widely available. The initial plan was to computerize the various family record files so that data could be easily incorporated into genealogies. Unfortunately this plan turned out to be very time consuming and has produced only a few family records so far, none of which are ready for use.

A new plan has been prepared, this time consisting of making a master copy of each set of family records. Anyone wanting a family record may request a copy for a reasonable fee, with the master copy being held in a secure location. The original papers will eventually go into whatever storage the Archives designates.

The executors of the Johnston estate have made a generous donation to WCGS to help with the purchase of a copier, which is now in place and ready for use. We need volunteer(s) who can help to make copies of the original files; there are several dozen families and some are very large. The entire project will take months and more operating funds than we can afford. Donations for paper and toner will be welcome!

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Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties. PC word processing diskette copy is encouraged; camera-ready copy will be appreciated.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; nonmembers should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

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Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Powell
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Lenore Smith, Grace Turner

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Fred A. Brice, Route 1, Box 398, Macclesfield, NC 27852. Phone 827-2395 or 903-3954. No surnames listed.

Address Change (6/1/96)

K. H. Roberds, 1525 East Pass Road, No. 217, Gulfport, MS 39507. No new phone listed.

Letters to the Editor

The redesigned newsletter looks great. I look forward to receiving news and resuming my genealogical research in '96. Thanks for being there.

Deborah Vles, San Francisco, California
... my compliments on your publication as well as the organization's work to preserve the history of Wilson County and surrounding area.

Lucille M. Reeves, Macon, MS



Family connections

Questions, answers and
information from the
Wilson County Genealogical Society

The Wilson County Genealogical Society is pleased to help with questions about family origins and connections in Wilson County, and can provide assistance to anyone doing specific research. Please visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on local families. A WCGS volunteer is often available to help you on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The next meeting is Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the main library. The program will focus on early immigration to North Carolina.

Q. I am researching my family tree which includes the Lamm family from Wilson County. I am related to several members of the family, Isaac Lamm (1800-?), Thomas Lamm (1826-1899) and Matthew Lamm (1842-?). I cannot find where Wiley Lamm (1830-1888) fits into the line. Was Patience Lamm his mother or grandmother?

(LR, Louisville, KY)

A. Your Isaac Lamm appears to be Isaac Thomas Lamm Jr. (?-1843), grandson of Jacob Lamb (1725-1795) from Spring Hope in Nash County. Thomas Lamm (1820-1899) was another grandson, father to Matthew (1843-?). There were many early Lamb immigrants from England throughout the Colonies and our local line probably came from Virginia settlers who arrived there by about 1650. There are some local Lamms who are descended from New England ship captains, descendants of Puritan Lambs, who settled in the Pamlico area. However, most Lamms in Wilson County are descended from Jacob in a very extensive lineage that connects to virtually every early local family. Your Wiley was a son of Anna Cook and Isaac Lamm Jr., who spelled Wiley various ways, including Willey. They were residents of the Old Fields Township area (which includes Buckhorn and Rock Ridge) and have many descendants still there. A Patience Lamm does not show up anywhere as closely related to your line.

There is an interesting story about an enterprising young Lamm who came to town to work for the Western Union as a delivery boy. He made many deliveries to cotton brokers and obviously learned their trade from the telegrams as he became a broker

himself and generated family security that is still in evidence to this day.

More: On the inquiry seeking information on Oliver Cromwell's daughters in Edgecombe Co.

A. Oliver Cromwell had four daughters, born in the 1620 and 1630s. When Cromwell died, his son fled for fear of reprisal from the restored monarch, but his daughters lived and died in quiet obscurity in England. There is no record that they ever came to the colonies, and certainly not to Edgecombe County which was founded about 1740 (they would have been over 100 at the time). There are several Cromwells listed in early Edgecombe records who seem to have come from a John Cromwell, a very distant cousin to Oliver. There is an excellent book on the Cromwells of Edgecombe in the Genealogy Room at the main library.

More: On descendants of her great grand-uncle George Washington Williford (b. ca 1852), his daughter, Delta Jane Williford Farmer, her half brothers and sisters, William David Sharpe, David W. Sharpe (b.1837), Winifred Sharpe Hardison, or Elizabeth Taylor Williford.

A.S., Boulder, Colo.

A: From Bible Records of early Edgecombe, State Genealogy Library. George Washington, Winnifred H. and Della Jane Williford were children of Hartwell Williford. Their mother, Elizabeth Taylor was married first to Abraham T. Sharpe and had four children, William David, Queen Esther, Moses Abram and Rhoda Ann. Elizabeth later married Hartwell Williford after his wife, Martha Proctor, died leaving six children, James G., Hilliard Lawrence, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Meedy E., and Amanda. His, hers and theirs isn't so new after all!

Mail your queries to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894 or phone 237-1250 after 6 p.m.

Volunteers are needed for our ongoing cemetery publications, the fourth volume of which is now under way. Earlier publications (also including local census records of 1860 and 1870) may be purchased from WCGS or from the circulation desk in the main library. There are other projects under way, and there is always room for more volunteers.

Here is the March 1996 column from the Wilson Daily Times.

Tracking the Elusive Ancestor

A monthly feature with tips, techniques and ideas for genealogists - this month offers comments from Betty Reason as a follow up to her January program on looking for answers in the land.

Plotting Land for Use In Genealogy

Land plotting is a great way to identify the exact location of your ancestor's home and properties. One handy tool in locating some of the creeks and branches you will encounter is the North Carolina Gazetteer by William Powell. Another is maps old and new of the area you are working with. A big help in that area is North Carolina Atlas & Gazetteer by DeLorme Mapping. Both can be purchased at most of your bookstores in the North Carolina section. These enable you to locate the lands you are tracing much easier.

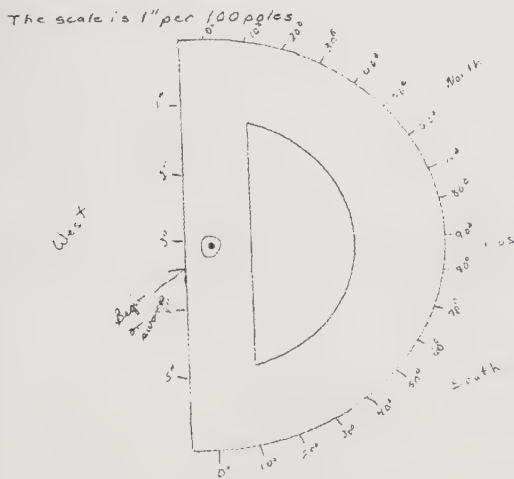
First you will need a protractor - a simple instrument used in math, a pencil and a piece of land measured out in poles. Poles are just a way of measuring land in feet. One pole contains 16.5 feet.

It is much easier to explain by example. I am going to use an abstract of a deed found in Edgecombe County near the Wilson County line.

Abstract of Grant to Elisha Fort
17-4-1754 containing 340 acres
South side of Town Creek

1. Begin on Little Swamp.
2. South 200 poles
3. West 240 poles.
4. North 280 poles to said swamp (Little Swamp)
5. South 65 degrees East 260 poles along Little Swamp to beginning.

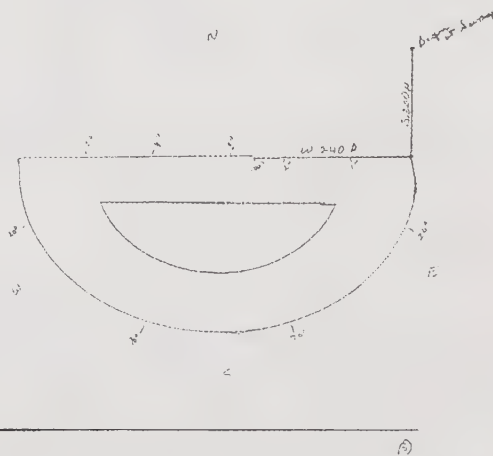
1. Begin on Little Swamp



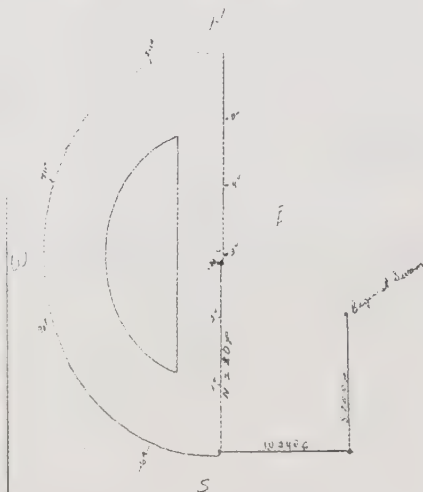
2. South 200 poles



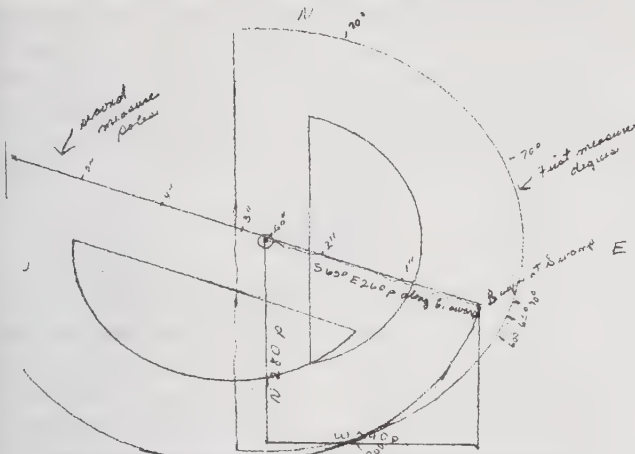
3. West 240 poles



4. North 280 poles to swamp



5. South 65°, East 260 poles along Little Swamp



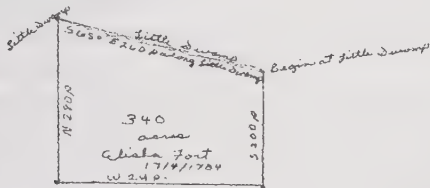
Had this been North 65° West 260 poles, you would have turned the protractor toward the west.

6. Finished Plot

Had this been a later deed, you would have encountered land owners adjoining each line. When you plot these later deeds make sure you include all branches, creeks, adjoining landowners and any other identifying features on the plot its self. This will help you locate the piece of land in later years.

Should you have a deed you want to plot, but the dimensions are in feet instead of poles, as some of the later deeds are, you must change the feet into poles to plot at this particular scale.

There is 16.5 feet in a pole. To change feet into poles simply divide 16.5 into the number of feet and you have the poles.



Example: You have a deed that reads;

1. North 1200 ft.
2. West 1400 ft.
3. South 1000 ft.
4. South 45' East 1300 ft.

First change the feet to poles by dividing 16.5 into each set of feet. (Round off to nearest feet.) $16.5/T-t. I$

- Results:
1. North 73 poles
 2. West 85 poles
 3. South 61 poles
 4. South 45' East 79 poles.

Proceed to plot as shown (This is only an example.)

There are computer disks that will plot land but they plot at a much smaller scale and will not plot larger tracts such as 1000 acre plots. It is simple to learn and you will learn to plot them in a short period of time. Should you have any questions I will be glad to answer them at the next meeting. **HAPPY PLOTTING!**

Betty Baker Reason

Wilson County Genealogical Society, March 26, 1996

Program: Migration of Settlers to North Carolina

Presented by Marion W. "Monk" Moore

5218 Redland Road, Elm City, NC 27822

**Mr. Moore has done extensive research on the WOODARD and FARMER families which he is willing to share.

1663-Land grants from King Charles

Lord Albemarle- VA to the mouth of the Cape Fear River

Lord Clarendon- Cape Fear River to FL

1693-French Huguenots sail down the Albemarle Sound from VA and settle in northeastern NC

1705-VA settlers establish the first NC town at Bath

1710-French Huguenots, Germans and Swiss settlers migrate from VA and settle New Bern

1711-Tuscarora attack settlements at New Bern and Bath (130 whites in New Bern and 84 whites living on the Pamlico River are massacred)

1713-Land in the Wilson County area is open for settlement. NC and SC militias join forces to subdue warring Indian tribes; remaining Indians move to NY to live with their blood brothers

1715-DEW family is in Edgecombe County area

1720-Settlers migrate to mouth of Town Creek and begin the first settlement in the area--old Sparta

1722-VA settlers move down the Tar River and settle near the present site of Tarboro

1723-About 20 families are living on the Tar River

1733-Edgecombe Precinct is formed (Roanoke River south to Mount Olive and west to present day Caswell and Orange counties)

1739-First Wilson Co. settler, Francis ROUNTREE, receives 2 land grants on Contentnea Creek (area behind the country club on old Black Creek Rd.); formed Contentnea Navigation Company and built a flatboat landing at Rountree Bridge
Moses ROUNTREE (son of Francis) built a store at the flatboat landing

1740-1741-John THOMAS

Arthur DEW

John BARNES

Jacob BARNES

William WHITE

Toisnot Swamp grant

Dew's Mill (Lake Wilson)

Black Creek

Black Creek

Hominy Swamp (downtown Wilson area)

1758-Johnston and Halifax counties formed

1760-Tarboro is laid off. Beaufort and Pitt counties formed

1764-Tarboro becomes the county seat. Nash-Edgecombe line is established from "the great falls of the Tar River" to Widow Rhodes ferry (beyond Deans Farm on Hwy. 42 W)

1840-Wilmington-Weldon Railroad completed

1849-Town of Wilson formed to include Hickory Grove and the Toisnot Depot (former location of Moss & Co. in downtown Wilson was the center of this town).

1855-Wilson County is formed

1860-Population of Wilson County is about 6,700 people

Civil War -

Bethel Regiment formed in Edgecombe Co.

Henry WYATT of Tarboro was the first Confederate soldier to be killed in the war

Area towns were raided by Union soldiers

Union and Confederate renegades called "Buffaloes" actually did more damage in the Wilson area than Union troops (the "Buffaloes" were based near Smithfield)

Many Washington and Morehead City area families moved to Wilson Co. to get away from the war. DANIELS family

1890-September 10. Opening day of Wilson tobacco market

Transcription by Deborah Mitchell

Research Reports - The Coppage & Thorn Families

[from member Barbara Broman of Bluffton, Indiana] I am enclosing an adapted chapter from my book on family history. It relates the history of Mary Coppage and her Thorn and Farmer descendents in Wilson County. Information comes from J. F. Lewis's Wills & Administrations of Northumberland Co., Virginia.

COPPAGE (Coppedge)

Polly, Charlotte and Griffin Coppage were children of Augustine and Wilmouth (Lunsford) Coppage. Augustine's father, Charles Coppedge II, died in 1786; and Wilmouth's father, Moses Lunsford, died in 1790, both still residents of Northumberland Co., Virginia. Augustine and Wilmouth left their families in Northumberland County and had relocated in Edgecombe County, N.C. by 1790 as the census shows.

Wilmouth's father, Moses, probably came from Prince William Co., Va., as there was a Moses Lunsford listed there in August of 1741, or perhaps it was his father. Moses and wife Elizabeth had nine children. They owned several properties that were distributed among the sons at Moses' death. Moses' will named forty-two slaves and mentioned other unnamed slaves. Wilmouth heired only four slaves and "moveable estate already in her possession" as did her other sisters. However, when her second-oldest brother, John, died unmarried in 1794, he left his land in Northumberland Co. to Wilmouth's son, Griffin Coppedge, and the rest of his estate to Wilmouth. When Griffin died in Northumberland Co. in 1814, unmarried and intestate, his lands were sold and the estate went to his sisters Polly and Charlotte.

As the Potomac River empties into Chesapeake Bay, Northumberland County lies on its southern shore. The small Wicocomoco River drains Northumberland County into the Chesapeake just south of the Potomac. It is this area where the Lunsford family held land. The Lunsfords were doubtless subjected to the particular stresses of life there in 1812-15. The War of 1812 was brought to their door by the British Fleet which sent raiding parties that pillaged and burned. Local militia attempted to intercept the raiders and in retaliation practically every important old home along the Potomac shore of Northumberland and its navigable inlets was burned, as well as many farther inland. During 1814-15 a far worse destructive force was visited on Northumberland County and its neighboring counties. Diphtheria, then called "putrid sore throat," entirely wiped out some families and hardly any family was exempt from the extremely malignant disease. The Coppedge and Lunsford families must have been influenced.

Wilmouth Lunsford Coppage's son, Griffin, was living in Virginia, but she and her two daughters were living in North Carolina. Both young women had married in Edgecombe County and lived on neighboring plantations. Polly married Martin Thorn and Charlotte married Asahel Farmer. Martin Thorn was grandson of Martin Thorn, Sr., who at one time owned more than 1,000 acres in Edgecombe Co. The Farmer family had extensive landholdings, also.

Augustine Coppage was the descendent of William

Coppedge I who died in Northumberland Co., Va., in 1700. William II, James, John and Charles I were his sons. Charles I had eight children, the second son being named Charles II. When Charles I died in 1750, his three plantations were divided among three sons, Charles II being one. Charles II and wife Maryann had nine children and, of four sons, Augustine was second. When Charles II died in 1786, the oldest son, Cyrus, heired all his properties.

Augustine Coppedge married Wilmouth Lunsford circa 1782. Augustine died before 1810 and Wilmouth started selling her Edgecombe Co. land in 1813. In the 1815 Tax List of Edgecombe Wilmouth still owned 200 acres. Wilmouth probably died after 1827 at which time the Coppage lands in Edgecombe County went on the market.

In 1826 Martin and Polly Thorn bought 400 acres in Nash County. In 1827 they sold some Edgecombe Co. land to Charlotte and Asahel Farmer.

In 1855 Wilson County was formed from the southern tips of Nash and Edgecombe Counties and the northern tips of Johnson and Wayne Counties. Some properties formerly in Edgecombe and Nash Counties were once again in the same county.

A Flea Market Find

The following information is the first page of the Introduction of a book I purchased at a flea market not knowing at the time what I had. Just knowing it was a book of poetry was enough for me to buy it.

The name of the book is HUMBLE HOURS OF SOLITUDE a book of poems by **J.J. THORNE** of Elm City published in 1904. It seems to be a personal copy, as written in longhand at the top of the page is -

A SKETCH OF MY LIFE.

John Julius Thorne, the author of HUMBLE HOURS OF SOLITUDE, was born February the 11th, 1871. My father and mother were **WILLIAM MARTIN THORNE** and **MARGARET PEEL THORNE**. My mother's first or maiden name was **WOODARD**. She first married **WILLIAM WOODARD BATTS**. During their union of wedlock she gave birth to two boys and three girls. First, **JAMES WILLIAM BATTS**, **SALLIE PEEL BATTS**, **MARTHA ANN BATTS**, **WILSON WOODARD BATTS** and **MARGARET ELIZABETH BATTS**.

Through the bonds of matrimony with **WILLIAM MARTIN THORNE** she gave birth to five children, three boys and two girls. First, **JOHN JULIUS THORNE**, **ICHABOD REDMON THORNE**, **ANGIE CORA THORNE**, **MARY RABANA THORNE**, and **LUCIAN TURNER THORNE**. Out of the ten children she survived but two. Eight are living still.

Mother was born February 12, 1835, and died January 5th 1901. She was a daughter of **JAMES BULLOCK WOODARD** and granddaughter of **DAVID WOODARD**. Father was born December 24th 1842, and died September 29th, 1889. He was a son of **REDMON THORNE**, **REDMON THORNE** a son of **MARTIN THORNE**, **MARTIN THORNE** a son of **NICHOLAS THORNE**, **NICHOLAS THORNE** a son of **MARTIN THORNE**, my old fourth grandfather, or the first **MARTIN THORNE** that

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I have any account of, was a husband of Rachel Thorne. She first married a man by the name of WHITE, and her maiden name was RACHEL BROWN, the daughter of JAMES BROWN. JAMES BROWN was shipped aboard of an English vessel by his stepfather and brought over to America and bound out. He was just old enough to remember his name, thus making JAMES BROWN my fifth grandfather according to the family tradition. I feel like the tender mercy of an all wise and merciful God has blessed me and my days.

This is all of the information that pertained to the genealogy of his family in the Introduction so I stopped with the one page. Typed word for word by BETTY BAKER REASON

Abstracts from J. J. Thorn's Bible of Toisnot, NC

The Bible of J. J. Thorn was in the possession of R. F. Coleman of Wilson, who is a descendent of J. J. Thorn. This information was copied by M. W. Moore on April 6, 1971.

- William Martin Thorn, born Dec. 24th, 1842; died Sept. 29, 1889.
- Margaret Peel Thorn, born Feb. 12th, 1835; died Jan. 6th 1901.
- Angie Cora Greene, born Jan. 30th, 1874; died Apr. 14th, 1891.
- Sallie Peel, born Sept. 17th, 1856

Names of back grandparents of J. J. Thorn, according to what his father, W. M. Thorn used to tell him. J. J. Thorn's father was William Martin Thorn; Grandfather was Redmon Thorn; Great grandfather was Martin Thorn; Third Grandfather was Nicholas Thorn; Fourth Grandfather was Martin Thorn. This old fourth grandfather, Martin, married Rachel White, a daughter of James Brown, who was a little English boy of whom his stepfather, to get his mother property, slipped James Brown on board an English vessel and sent over to America and reared a bound boy, thus James Brown was fifth grandfather of J. J. Thorn.

W. W. Batts was the first husband of Margaret Woodard. Their first child, James William Batts, was born Sept. 16, 1854.; Second child, Sallie Peele Batts, was born Sept. 17th, 1856; Third child, Martha Ann Batts, was born Jun 21st, 1858; Fourth child, Wilson Woodard Batts, was born Jun 9th, 1860; Fifth child, Margaret Elizabeth Batts, was born Feb. 18th, 1866. William Martin Thorn was the second husband of Margaret Woodard. First child, John Julius Thorn, was born Feb. 11th, 1871; Second child. Ikeybud Redmon Thorn. was born May 2nd, 1872; Angie Cora Thorn, born Jan 31st, 1874; Mary Bama Thorn, born Dec. 28th, 1876; Lucian Turner Thorn, last child, born Jun. 25th, 1878.

Note: spelling and wording are as found.
Submitted by Marion Woodard Moore

Information & Queries

- *City of Hickory. Elbert Ivey Memorial Library:* Family history indexes (Abernathy, Clinard, Candler, Hudson, Deal, Shuford, Bandy, Yoder, more). Price list, Jane L. Deal, Reference Genealogy Librarian, 420 3rd Ave NW, Hickory, NC 28601. Tel: 704-322-2905. Fax: 704-322-3479
- *Rowan County, Genealogical Society.* Census, Cemetery, Pedigree Chart, Court & Estate Papers, Carolina Watchman newspaper, Heritage book, family histories, back issue of journal. Price list, P. O. Box 4305, Salisbury, NC 28145-4305.
- *Old Darlington District, SC Genealogical Society.* Cemeteries, Newsletter. Price list, P.O. Box 175, Hartsville, SC 29551
- *Mattamuskeet Foundation, Inc.* Research & educational activities to preserve and disseminate the history of the Lake and surrounding areas. Info, Rt 2, Box 490, Ayden, NC 28513. Tel: 919-746-4221.Fax: 919-746-4698
- *Martin County Genealogical Society.* Newsletter. Info. P.O. Box 121, Williamston, NC 27892
- *Boyd Publishing Co. Inc.* Extensive list of genealogical publications. Price list, P.O. Box 367, Milledgeville, GA 31061.
- *Kensington Glen Publishing.* NC & VA mortality census, county census by Sandra Lee Almasy. Price list, 2105 Gateway St N, Middleton, WI 53562-3405
- *Moobasi, Inc.* Extensive list of genealogical computer materials. Price list, P.O. Box 241983, Charlotte, NC 28224. Tel: 800-777-3601.
- *Genealogical Publishing Co. of Baltimore. Directory of Family Associations.* Info. 45 Southwick Rd., Westfield, MA 01085. Tel: 413-562-7332

- Elsy K. Morgan m. Thomas Barron 1828, Edgecombe Co., NC. Benjamin Sharpe, bondsman. Elsy's middle name is spelled out but illegible - squiggles. Something in the nature of "Kinnard". Can anyone help, please? Lucille M. Reeves, Rt. 3, Box 358, Macon, MS 39341.
- Dixon/Walston. - would like to correspond with those working on the Dixon family of Greene Co. My GG grandparents were Richard Dobbs Speight Dixon Sr and Frances Walston who both died between 1924 and 1925. Frances Walston was the daughter of Philip and Mary Walston. Richard was the son of Lafayette Dixon. Jay Vinson, 2201 Jack Road, Clayton, NC 27520.
- My greatgrandfather was Thomas H. Williamson b. 1824 m. Rhodia A. Crowell b. 1831. Both, I believe, of Nash Co. They had 10 children: Wiley Spenser, William Henry, James P., Sallie Ann, John Thomas, Celia Francis, Nancy E., Jessie Franklin, Geneva, George Preston. My problem is who was the father of Thomas H. Williamson? I feel it may be Joseph Jr. b. ca. 1774, wife Nancy Herring b. ca. 1779. Help!! William Reece Williamson, Jr., 27 N 600 W, Manti, Utah 84642.
- My wife and I would like to know about her ancestors, the Ferrells. Noel Ferrell b. ca. 1793 d. ca. 1871. Son of William Ferrell. Who was William Ferrell's father? Walter Wilson (query sent to Wilson Daily Times Family Connections monthly column. We will print your answer there.) Please respond to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894.

SUPREME COURT CASE # 2108
ELLIS VS AMASON

State of North Carolina

In the County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions held for Greene County August Term 1829
Be it remembered that heretofore to wit, on the second Monday of May one thousand eight hundred and Twenty nine before the Justices of the said County Court of Pleas and quarter sessions for Greene County came Blake Little to the use of Rhoderick Amerson by George W. Mordecai Esqr his attorney and brough here into Court his writ against Thomas Speight in the following words,
Viz,

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Greene County Greeting

You are hereby Comanded to take the body of Thomas Speight if to be found in your County and him safely keep so that you have him before the Justices of our Court of pleas & Quarter Sessions at the Court to be held for the County of Greene at the Court House in Snowhill on the second Monday of May next - Then and there to answer Blake Little to the use of Rhoderick Amerson of a plea that he render him five hundred and twenty two dollars which to him he owes & from him unjustly detains damages fifty dollars herein fail not, Witness William Williams Clerk of said Court at office this second Monday of February A D 1829 and in the 53rd year of Our independance

W^m Williams Clk

and the Sheriff of Greene County Viz Wyatte Moye Esqr by John Beemon his deputy now here returns "Executed and bail bond returned herewith Wyatte Moye shff by John Beemon D^s"

Therefore the said defendant by Vine Allen Esqr his attorney Comes and defends the wrong and injury when &s and pleads "payment & Set off" and of this he puts himself upon the County and the said plaintiff doth the like. Therefore let a Jury Come before the Justices of the Court aforesaid on the second Monday of August next by whom &s and who neither &s to recognise &s because as well &s the same day is given to the said parties, at which day came the said parties by their attornies aforesaid and a Jury of good and lawful men having been drawn by the Court aforesaid and summoned by the sheriff according to the form of an act of assembly in such cases provided who appearing to wit, Readin Rasbury, Person Tuten, Dempsey Wood, Major Makeel, Etheldred Mitchel, Adam Heath, Richard Smith, Stephen Rogers, Brittain Moore, James Mooring, William Turnage and Mark Heath, and being duly elected tried and sworn to say the truth of the matters, in issue between the said parties, do upon their oathes aforesaid say - They find all the issues in favour of the plaintiff and assess his damages to \$11.74 & Costs and the principal of debt \$522.29 therefore it is Considered by the Court aforesaid that the said plaintiff do recover his against the said defendant his debt and damages aforesaid and also the furthur sum of Eight dollars thirty seven and half Cents for his costs and charges &s -

Copy of the note on which suit was brought, with Interest from the date I promise to pay Blake Little or order Five hundred and twenty two dollars & twenty nine cents for Value received this 26th of March 1829

Thos Speight (Seal)

Whereupon the following Execution issued Viz

State of North Carolina

To the sheriff of Greene County Greeting -

We Command you that of the goods & chattels, lands and tenements of Thomas Speight you Cause to be made the sum of five hundred and thirty four dollars and three Cents which Blake Little use of Rhoderick Amerson lately in our Court of pleas and quarter sessions, for the County of Greene recovered against him for Debt and damages, and also the sum of Eight dollars thirty seven & half Cents for the Costs and Charges in said suit expended, whereof the said Thomas Speight is convicted

as appears to us of record; and have you the said monies before our said Court, to be held for the County of Greene at the Court House in Snowhill on the second Monday of November next, Then and there to render the said debt, damages, Costs and Charges aforesaid, Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ -

Witness William Williams Clerk of our said Court at office the second Monday of August A D 1829 & in the 53 year Our Independence issued 22nd day of Sept A D 1829

W^m Williams Clk

and now the sheriff of Greene County here returns Levied on the whole of the Crop of Thomas speight on both of his tracts of land in Greene County, Corn, Cotton, peas, potatoes & s September the 23rd 1829 Signed

John W. Taylor shff

and the sheriff of Greene County Viz John W. Taylor Esqr furthur returns, The whole of the property as levied on above sold and profits placed to older executions no other property of defendants to be found November 28th

John W. Taylor shff

State of North Carolina

To the Sheriff of Greene County Greeting

We command you again that of the goods and chattels, land and tenements of Thomas Speight you cause to be made the sum of five hundred and thirty four dollars & three Cents which Blake Little use of Rhoderick Amerson lately in our Court of pleas and quarter Sessions for the County of Greene recovered against him for debt and damages and also the sum of Eight dollars seventy five Cents for the Costs and charges in said suit expended, whereof the said Thomas Speight is Convicted as appears to us of record; and have you the said monies before our said Court, to be held for the County of Greene at the Court House in Snowhill on the second Monday of February next, then and there to render the said Debt, damages, Costs and charges aforesaid. Herein fail not and have you then and there this writ Witness William Williams Clerk of our said Court at office the second Monday of November A D 1829 and in the 54 year of our Independence issued the 8th day of December 1829

W^m Williams Clk

Bill of Costs

Writ &c 1Ct tax & trial 12/6..two Exors 7/6 \$3.60
1.15
4

Attor G W^m \$8.75

W^m Williams Clk

And the sheriff of Greene County Viz John W. Taylor Esqr now here returns "nothing to be found"
John W. Taylor shff

Greene County

I William Williams Clerk of the Court of pleas and Quarter sessions of Greene County hereby Certify that the foregoing transcript Contains true copies of the process returns, Judgment and other proceedings in the suit lately pending in said Court at the instance of Blake Little use of Rhoderick Amerson against Thomas Speight as full and entire as they remain of record in said Court, In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at office this 17th February A D 1830 -

W^m Williams Clk

On reverse: Blake Little use of Rhoderick Amerson vs Thomas Speight. Transcript of record. Fee \$1.25.

Source: Supreme Court Case #2108. Ellis vs Amason, 1833. (More sheets in folder not copied by me)

Submitted by Grace Turner.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all men the I Joel Hendrix administrator of the estate of Edward Hubbard late of the County of Wayne State of Indiana deceased who died in the County of Edgecomb State of North Carolina for divers good causes and considerations have made ordained constituted and appointed William Cox Esqr of the County of Wayne State of North Carolina my true and lawful attorney for me and in my name as such administrator as aforesaid to ask demand sue for Recover and Recive of and from William Woodard and Aarch Arters and of and from every other person or Persons whomsoever in any wise concerned in the Premises in the said County of Edgecomb or Elsewhere in North Carolina aforesaid all such Sum or Sums of money as may in any wise be due owing or accruing or in any manner belonging to the Estate of Said Edward Hubbard Deceased or to me as such administrator as aforesaid and also for me and in my name to ask demand Sue for recover and recive any personal property belonging to the estate of Said Decedent or to me as Administrator as aforesaid and upon the receipt of the Same or any part thereof my Said attorney for me and in my name as administrator as aforesaid good and Sufficient receipts or other acquittances for the Same to Execute Seal and deliver and attorneys one or more under him for the purposes aforesaid to make and again at his pleasure to revoke and my Said attorney for me and in my name as administrator as aforesaid generally to do and perform all Such acts and things needfull in the premises as I myself might or could do were I Personly present at the doing thereof ratifying and Confirming and hereby allowing whatsoever my Said attorney Shall in my name lawfully do in the Premises In testimony whereof I have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this the Second day of November A D 1841

Signed Sealed and delivered in

presence of

Levi Coffin

Andrew Meridith

Joel Hendrix (Seal)

Indiana to wit

Before me the undersigned a Justice of the peace within and for the County of Wayne State of Indiana Came personally Joel Hendrix the Grantor named in the foregoing letter of attorney known to me who acknowledged the signing and sealing the same for the uses and purposes therein specified as his volentary act and deed

Given under my hand and seal this 6th day of November A D 1841

Andrew Meridith
Justice of the peace

Indiana to wit

I John Finley Clerk of the Probate Court of the County of Wayne do hereby certify that Andrew Meredith Esquire by whom the foregoing acknowledgement of Joel Hendrix Administrator of the Estate of Edward Hubbard deceased was taken, was at the time of taking the same an acting Justice of the Peace within and for said County of Wayne duly Commissioned and sworn into office according to law and fully authorized by law to take such acknowledgments and that all his Official acts are entitled and ought to re- (next page must be missing. G. T.)

Source: John H. Bryan Collection. Statements, Memos, Declarations, etc. P. C. 6.24.
Sumitted by Grace Turner. Original spelling retained.

NOTICE: Would you like to share your family group sheets with other members of the society?
Please send them to us for use in future newsletters. Thank you, G. T.

May 1996

Publications of the WCGS

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Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1860	\$25.00
(includes all six schedules; every name index; 221 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, May 1993)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870	\$25.00
(includes all five schedules; every name index; 390 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, March 1994)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume I	\$25.00
(244 cemeteries; 5,000+ tombstone inscriptions; 257 pages; Perfect binding; compiled by Joan L. Howell, edited by Sue Evans Mitchell and Joan L. Howell, July 1993)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II	\$25.00
(75 cemeteries 5,900+ tombstone inscriptions; 389 pages; Perfect binding; compiled by Joan L. Howell, edited by Sue Evans Mitchell and Joan L. Howell, October 1993)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume III	\$25.00
(121 cemeteries; 8,000+ tombstone inscriptions; 350 pages; Perfect binding; compiled by Joan L. Howell, edited by Sue Evans Powell and Joan L. Howell, March 1995)	
Wilson County Connections Diskette, Part	not yet available
(about 8000 Wilson County names from Heritage Books, in GEDCOM format, 3.5" HD PC diskette)	
_____ Total of items ordered	\$ _____
_____ Sales tax @ 6% for NC residents.....	\$ _____
_____ Postage and handling @ \$2.50 per item	\$ _____
_____ Membership/Subscription WCGS/Trees of Wilson @\$10.....	\$ _____
Total amount of this order	\$ _____

(payment accepted by check or money order. No cash please)

Ship to: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Membership/subscription to WCGS/Trees of Wilson is \$10 per calendar year for an individual or \$15 for two family members.. Payments made after October 1 will cover all of the following year. Annual renewal is \$10 per year if paid by January 31 and \$15 thereafter.

Proxy Form (please detach or photocopy and mail to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, NC 27894 prior to May 28

ByLaw Amendment: to increase the annual membership dues for WCGS to \$15 per calendar year for a regular member, \$20 for family membership, and \$10 for an individual junior membership; to accept supporting memberships to further the work of the Society at \$25 for a contributor and \$50 for a sponsor.(full details on p.1 of this newsletter)

My vote is YES _____ NO _____ I give my proxy to _____ to vote as he/she sees fit.

Name _____ Address _____ Date _____



TREES OF WILSON

The Newsletter of the
Wilson County Genealogical Society



June 1996

Editor: Grace Turner

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President's Message

Rufus Swain distinguished himself with his presentation on family photographs at the May meeting. Attendance continues at a good figure, with five new members enrolling, recruited by Betty Reason from her genealogy class at Wilson tech. This is the first time this class has reached minimum enrollment in some time and we should never forget that the origin of WCGS came from one such class in January 1991. Welcome new members!

The Wilson Connections diskette has finally been released and mailed to those who placed early orders. This is a gedcom (genealogical interchange) file suitable for use with Brother's Keeper, PAF, Family Tree Maker and similar programs. It contains over 8,500 names of early Wilson County residents and all are connected by birth or marriage! The file is based on my personal tree, but as Sue and I both are descended from early local families (and fifth cousins to the late Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.) the reason for the file becomes obvious to the user. It makes a good starting point for anyone with Wilson connections.

We will not meet again until September except for our social later this month. We just returned from a trip through Kentucky and Indiana (home to Lamm, Peele and other migrants from Wilson County) and we will travel in Wales and England in July tracing Powell and Evans ancestors. Remember to spend some time on genealogy this summer. Have a good one!

Henry Powell

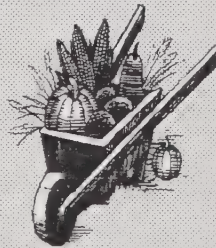
WCGS Annual Social June 24

Continuing the tradition begun five years ago, the members of WCGS will assemble at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, June 24 for the annual dinner social. Spouses and guests are invited to attend. Each person is asked to bring a suitable food item to share with others. In keeping with the family history focus of the Society, members are urged to bring a favorite family dish typical of this area (no chit'lins please.)

Barbecue, fried chicken, chicken pastry, potato salad, collards, fried okra, crackling bread, deviled eggs, cornbread, black-eyed peas, succotash, cucumber and onion salad, fried squash, corn pudding, sweet potatoes, coconut cake, peach cobbler... the memories come flooding back at the thought of the old familiar names from the days before Big Mac, Little Caesar and Boston Chicken.

This festive event will be held on the screened porch of Allen Thomas' county hideaway off Lamm Road just south of Hiway 264 W. There will be a sign posted beside the dirt entrance road with "WCGS" in big letters.

Grace Turner, who handled the arrangements, can provide further directions for those who need help. Call her at 243-4518. Paper plates & utensils, cups, iced tea and lemonade will be provided.

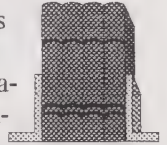


WCGS Publications

In the early days of WCGS plans were made to survey local cemeteries and to publish a book listing these for archival purposes. There were no known surveys available and this work was considered to be an important contribution.

At this point three volumes have been published with a fourth volume still in preparation, along with Federal Census records to 1860 and 1870. Publications funding was obtained with the help of the North Carolina Genealogical Society and most loans have been repaid. We still have many books in stock awaiting orders. Sales have been slow for the past months and we need the income from these sales to support the ongoing activities of the Society and to fund further publications.

The last page of this newsletter includes a publications order form. Please remember these books. Donate a set to your local library, give a volume as a gift to a friend with an interest in Wilson County family history, buy some for your own library. Help the Society. Please. Now.



Johnston Records in Demand

Following the announcement of our new copier purchased to preserve the Hugh Johnston working papers we have had several requests for sets of family records.

We have to make a charge to cover the cost of making the copies - it varies with the size of the file. We first make a master copy (very tedious work) from which a release copy is made by a local copy shop. We can only make the master sets when we get money donated to do this (and volunteer help to get the work done also). Family record files can have as many as 3000 or more pages while the smallest have 50-100 pages.

We will list files available in a later issue.

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Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; nonmembers should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

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Mary Ann Sheak, 1903 Hermitage Rd. NW, Wilson, NC 27896. 243-2035. (Moore, Bryant, Owens, Etheridge, Pittman, Webb)

Membership count 6/17/97

Letters to WCGS

I can't tell you how much I have enjoyed each edition of the *Trees of Wilson* ... I realize it takes many hours of hard work ... your efforts are very much appreciated.

Keep up the good work. Hope to see you soon.

Carol Ann Tadlock Wyman
Raleigh, NC

...thank you for doing such a fine job with the newsletter.

It touches my heart that the interest in family history research in Wilson County is now really growing. The newsletter is a major force behind this current development. Joan Howell has also done a wonderful job as with many others to get the response the Society is now enjoying. I feel the interest will continue to grow and especially if the Newsletter and other publications reinforce Wilson County research interests. All of you there are to be congratulated!

...I would like to say the idea to publish the monthly column from the Wilson Daily Times in the Newsletter is very good logic.

Albert R. Page, Sr. (Ret.)
Salt Lake City, UT



Family connections

Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society

Genealogy members track more of the Wilson family

The Wilson County Genealogical Society is pleased to help with questions about family origins and connections in Wilson County, and can provide assistance to anyone doing specific research.

Visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on local families. A WCGS volunteer is often available to help you on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

The next meeting is May 28 at 7 p.m. at the Main Library. The May program will focus on using a computer to manage your family history and on preserving old family photographs. The April meeting will be an educational visit to the LDS Family History Center in Goldsboro. WCGS Annual membership (\$10) includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter "Trees of Wilson County"

More: On the February 1996 query from A.L.P. of Bailey regarding the Joel Wilson (1813-1906) family of Old Fields Township and his children and his father, Jimmy Wilson of Tarboro who may have arrived from Virginia 1750-1800.

A. This family makes a good example of how to track your ancestors. We began with the "Wilson County Federal Census of 1860" (published by WCGS) and found Joel Wilson (white, male planter, age 49, with real estate valued at \$700 and personal property at \$425) listed in Old Fields Township along with his wife, Bazilia (white, female, housekeeper, age 49), and children George W. (age 18), and Robert E. (age 13). John, age 13, and Joseph, age 9, were listed in the Nash County census of 1850 but were missing from the 1860 census.

There was an 1860 listing nearby for John W. Wilson (white, male, cooper, age 23) and wife Millicent. We checked Wilson County marriage records to find that John and Millicent Stott were married March 27, 1850 at the home of Joel Wilson. Neither John nor Millicent were listed in the 1870 census. (According to family history, John served in the Civil War, was wounded in the Shenandoah Valley Campaign and later died in a Washington hospital. Millicent has not been located).

We then checked "Wilson County Cemeteries Volume II" (also published by WCGS) to find a Wilson family cemetery on Stott Road (State Route 1133) about 1/2 mile south of New Sandy Hill Church Road (State Route 1131) — or about two miles southeast of Bailey on a nice hilltop site in the rolling Piedmont country of

western Wilson County. There are 29 graves there, all but one with stones, including Robert E. Wilson 1847-1906 (listed in the 1860 census as age 13). It appears that Robert (and his wife B.J., who is not buried there) had several children, including a son, James May Wilson (1875-1946).

We attempted to find early Edgecombe County records for a James Wilson and located one family who lived just north of Tarboro at the junction of Fishing Creek and the Tar River. A James Wilson and his two brothers settled there sometime around 1750 and became very active in the local Methodist Church, giving funds for construction and upkeep. His grandson, William Wilson (1807-?) had two sons, James and Louis, who is remembered as the namesake for Wilson County commemorating his service in the Mexican War.

It has not been possible to locate a connection between the Edgecombe County and the Nash County Wilson families. We have scanned wills, Bible records, and deeds only to verify that there was a James Wilson who died in Nash County in 1797, leaving much land along Turkey Creek, which is near the Joel and Robert Wilson property (that part of Nash County became Wilson County in 1849). Immigrants do not often leave records of their departure from an area and connections can be best proven through wills and family Bible records. Your family oral history is an excellent clue as to where to look for more information. (Report compiled by Sue & Henry Powell.)

Mail your queries to WCGS, P.O. Box 802, Wilson, N.C. 27894 or phone 237-1250 after 6 p.m.

The Wilson County Genealogical Society publishes the "Wilson County Census of 1860" and of 1870 and three volumes of "Wilson County Cemeteries" (mostly old family sites scattered throughout the county). These books are \$25 each to which is added sales tax and shipping (if needed). These may be purchased at the circulation desk of the Wilson County Public Library or by mail from WCGS at the address shown above. Copies are available for reference in the Genealogy Room at the library.

This is the April 1996 column reprinted from the Wilson Daily Times.

The Contentnea Association Records

We have recently come into possession of some old records of this Baptist Church Association and will print transcriptions of some of the materials which will be of genealogical interest. We will include "biographies" of deceased leaders and lists of representatives from Wilson area churches.

Wilson County genealogists know the importance of the Toisnot Primitive Baptist Church founded by the Rev. Jonathan Thomas on the property now known as the Thomas Farms, and that the congregation of that body just sold their building on Green Street as the membership had dwindled to nine.

The Contentnea Association separated from the earlier Kehukee Association of Halifax County, NC in 1793. The purpose of these associations seems to be similar to an annual convention where church doctrines and procedures were set. Anyone who wishes to know more about these early Baptist groups is welcome to make a copy of our copies as we have no plan to get into church matters in this newsletter.

This materials was submitted by J. Robert Boykin III and the transcriptions have been prepared by Sue Evans Powell who describes her efforts as abstract abridgements designed to preserve some of the poetic expressions.

Biography of Elder Elza Taylor

Dear brethern! We will close this epistle of love with a short biographical sketch of our highly esteemed and well beloved brother Elder Elza Taylor who departed this life on the 30th day of January 1853.

Elder Elza Taylor was born in Pitt County N. C. on the fourth day of March 1774. Like many of his associates, it was his misfortune to grow up without the advantages of an education. Thus was he reared to manhood void of that natural but desirable blessing.

He was initiated into the Methodist Episcopal Church when an infant by being Sprinkled; and was constrained by a pious Mother (though of that order) before returning to rest to articulate what is termed the Lords Prayer until from pride and an ungovernable disposition he abandoned it, and grew up without hope and without God in the world.

But he was a chosen vessel unto the Lord. Therefore in his own good time he was pleased to reveal Christ in his soul . . .

A Short Sketch or Biography of Elder Thomas Dupree

Elder Thomas Dupree the subject of this memoir was born in Pitt County N. C. in 1772. When about twenty years of age he married Ann Wrenn the object of his choice who was also about the same age of himself . . .

He was received a member into the Baptist church at Town Creek Edgecombe County and was baptized by Elder Joshua Barnes on the second Sunday in July 1803. The Lord who had in early life blessed his with an agreeable helpmate in the person of his bosom companion soon in his mercy increases the blessing thirty, sixty-yea an hundred fold by bringing her to the knowledge of truth as it is in Jesus. She was received a member into the same church with himself, and baptized on the second Sunday in June following. They were permitted for many years to enjoy sweet communion with their Lord and peace, love, and harmony with each other. Five of their children survived them, one of

hom has been an humble follower of the meek and lowly Jesus for many years, and is also a member at Town Creek . . . Sister Dupree was truly a mother in Israel strictly moral-instructive in Christian conversation-an example of true piety, beloved much by them who knew her best, humane to her domestics-an affectionate mother, a kind and living helpmate. . . . But her pilgrimage on earth must cease the time of her departure had come and in August 1842 or '43 the Lord according to the good pleasure of his will, was pleased to take her to himself, after a short but severe illness, . . . the old brother like the lonesome dove that mourns her absent mate left to linger out a few years of sorrow, and to drink deep in the dregs of affliction both in body and mind. The family of his youngest Son with whom after his breavement he spent the remainder of his days, treated him kindly, but the presence of that loved one was wanting to comfort him in his affliction which caused an aching void, that all nature could not fill and him in anguish of soul often to exclaim with her went all my earthly happiness.

At June Meeting 1806, he was examined relative to his ministerial gift and a letter of approbation and recommendation given him. On the Second Sunday in April 1810 he was ordained to the ministry. He had the pastoral care of the church at Town Creek until a few months previous to his death, but by some mishap the time of his being chosen to that sacred office was never recorded.

Elder Dupree was very efficient in filling the several stations to which he was called during his ministerial career. Prompt to his engagements, punctual in filling his appointments, unless providentially prevented, a strict disciplinarian He was often chosen moderator at church conference and sometimes in associations. In oratory and elocution he was surpassed by but few of his compeers. Affable and courteous in manners and deportment a keen penetrating eye, Shrill and impressive voice of pressing and pathetic address, persuasive in argument he seldom failed to have the attention of his congregation.

. . . As he advanced in age, the afflicting hand of God bore heavily upon him often prostrating him for weeks at a time, and oft times his life was dispaired of, but the Lord enabled him to bear up under all his distress with christian fortitude.

For several years previous to his death such was his complicated situation occasioned by disease coupled with the infirmities of age that he could not attend the flock of his charge but occasionally preached in his immediate neighborhood but was finally compelled to abandon that also and didn't preach at all publicly. . . . In Sept. 1853 he cordially resigned his pastorship to a committee appointed by a conference, held in the same month to wait on him for that purpose, and recommended Elder Calvin Ruff, as the minister of his choice which seemed to be in accordance with the views of the church for upon him their minds were concentrating, which in October following was consummated by the unanimous voice of the church . . . which in November following . . . he accepted. . . .

Departed this life Tuesday the 4th of March 1854, Thomas Dupree in the 81st year of his age.

The deceased had been a consistent minister of the gospel of Christ for more than forty years and a member of the primitive Baptist church at Old Town Creek of which church he has had the pastoral care for thirty years and was a devout predestinarian.

In the name of God, Amen. I **SOLOMON WELLS**, of Nash County in the State of North Carolina being of a sound and perfect mind and memory do make and ordain than as my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: I give and bequeath to my sister, **PRISCILLA POPE**, two feather beds and furniire, tan head sheep or all that I die possessed with, one woolen wheel, one flax wheel and one hackle to be held and enjoyed by her, her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to **JOHN WELLS**, son of **STEPHEN WELLS**, one sorrel mare called Bonney with her increase and one negro woman named Mell to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my cousin, **LEWIS JACKSON**, one grey horse called Dolphin, ny bridle and saddle, one rifle gun and all my wearing cloths to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give an bequeath to my cousin, **JOHN WELLS**, son of **REDMOND WELLS**, three hundred and fifty acres of land with the plantation where I now live together with all the improvements thereon, one still and worm and all my cyder casks except six new barrels with brandy in them to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever, but if the said **JOHN WELLS** dies without issie, my will and desire is that the said three hundred and fifty acres of land and plantation, the said still and worm and the said cyder cask revert to his brother, **STEPHEN WELLS**, to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever, and if the said **STEPHEN WELLS** die without issue, my will and desire is that the said land and plantation, still and worm and cyder casks be equally divided between the surviving children of the said **REDMOND WELLS** to be held and enjoyed by them, their heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my cousin, **STEPHEN WELLS**, son of **REDMOND WELLS**, all my money and notes, accounts and demands that shall remain after my debts are paid, also all the rest of my stock both of cattle and hogs, also all the remainder of my estate of any kind whatsoever to be held and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I do constitute and appoint my well beloved friend, **WILSON VICK**, my whole and sole executor of this, my last will and testament ratifying and confirming this and no other to be my last will and testament in witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 8th day of May one thousand seven hundred and eighty nine.

Sealed, published and declared

Solomon Wells (seal)

in presence of
SAM WESTRAY
RICH. VICK
THOMAS HORN

Nash County. February Term, 1790
The within will was duly proven in open court, duly proven by the oath of **SAM WESTRAY** and after motion of **RICH. VICK** two subscribing witnesses thereto and on motion ordered to be recorded.

Attest **WM HALL, C.C.**

And is registered in obedience to the above order.

Attest **WM HALL, C.C.**

I. **FREDERICK WELLS**, of Nash County and State of North Carolina being sick and weak of body but of perfect mind and sound memory calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to die do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following to wit:

Item: I give and bequeath unto my brother, **JOSHUA WELLS**. my legacy or part of land that my father gave me.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my brother, **SOLOMON WELLS**, all my perishable estate to him and his heirs forever.

I do hereby appoint **JOSEPH CROWELL** executor of this my last will and testament and revoking all former will and testaments heretofore made or ordain and publish and prenonce this as my last will and testament.

Witnesses: **JEANNA ROBBINS, JOHN ROBBINS**

Nash County, N. C. January Court 1779
The above was exhibited in open court and proved by the oath of **JOHN ROBBINS** a subscribing witness thereto.

Submitted by: Janice C. Sharpe (copied as closely as possible).

Edwards Obituary

Much genealogical data can be gleaned from old obituaries. An example from "The Kinston Free Press", Wed. 31 Jan. 1941, Kinston N.C. (The Edwards and Harts families were extensive in Greene County, NC in the 1800s)
VETERAN CRAVEN COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHER
PASSES; MISS MARY EDWARDS

The funeral of aged Miss Mary Wooten Edwards, veteran Craven County school teacher who died at her home in New Bern early Wednesday after an illness of several months, will be held from the residence on Metcalf Street at 2:30 Thursday, Rev. Leon K___, pastor of Centenary Methodist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Maplewood Cemetery here at 4 o'clock.

Miss Edwards was a daughter of the late Elbert and Hannah Holliday McKinnie Edwards. She was a native of the Edwards Chapel section of Lenoir County, a granddaughter of Charles Edwards and a great granddaughter of Robert Hart of Greene County who lived in Revolutionary time.

Surviving with a sister Mrs Lucretia Edwards Hudson are a niece, Mrs. Ernest H. Wood of New Bern, a great-nephew, Dr. Ernest H. Wood, of Philadelphia and two nephews Elbert Edwards Fordham, Alexandria, VA and C. McKinnie Fordham, Greensboro.

Miss Edwards was one of the best-known teachers of the section.

Pallbearers will be Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, Snow Hill, Clifton McCotter, Vaughn Bowlin, T.A. Windley, I.A. Brite, Hubert J. Tolson, Frederick Mitchell and Bill Powell.

(Note: No age is shown. Her tombstone dates 27 Aug. 1867-31 Jan 1941.)

Submitted by: Lenore Smith

Alsey Boykin Cemetery
Flat Rock Church Road, Sims, NC

Alsey Boykin 1808-1994
Chelly Fulghum Boykin 1803-1879

Sources: Death Certificates, *Wilson Daily Times* Obituary, oral tradition.

Submitted by J. Robert Boykin III.

[Editor's Note] The entries in the February 1996 issue of *Trees*, p.5, contained cemetery listings for Jossey Peele and James Iredell Boykin. These also came from Mr. Boykin. In response to queries as to how to find the J. I. Boykin cemetery, Bobby says this can be found on the south side of Sims off Sims School Road. The site is heavily overgrown and difficult to penetrate.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSIONS

Jacob B. Boyt: S6686, N. C. Line, applied 30 Jan. 1833 Bladen County, N. C. aged 78, born 4 April 1755 in Wayne (then Dobbs) County, N. C., soldier mentions a brother-in-law Uriah Langston of Wayne County, N. C. in 1833.

William Boyt: R1115, N. C. Line, applied 8 Mar. 1834 Duplin County, N. C. (his aged supposed by himself & wife to be the rise of 100 years) this is the way it was written, soldier enlisted in Duplin County, N. C., soldier was born in Wayne County, N. C. & after the war lived in Duplin County, N. C. except for 1 year in Lenoir County, N. C.

William Boyte: R1109, N. C. Line, applied 30 Oct. 1832 Davidson County, Tennessee aged 72, enlisted in Nash County, N. C. in 1779.

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REQUEST FOR TAX RELIEF

Home Wayne Co., N. C. 3rd Moth (Mar) 8th 1866

Governor Worth of N^o Carolina

Esteemed Friend & Stranger

I address thee for special purposes hoping to judiciously and prudently interest thy attention on a subject that is worthy of thy deliberate consideration. I have heard my dear husband (Needham T. Perkins) speak of thee in high and favorable terms, and know him to be a friend of thine, but not in a situation to address thee on important subjects, so I feeling it right to ask a favor of thee take the privilege to address thee hoping ~~hoping~~ thow will exert a right influence so far as thy favor extends.

Now what I wish to ask thee to use thy influence in, is this. State to noted members of the Legislature and use thy influence with them to assist my dear husband in what may be right in tax matters.

My husband is dowbtless disabled for ~~for~~ life by a party that intended to murder him for the purpose of taking his money & other property. They succeeded in robbing him of \$1200⁰⁰ in money, other property worth about \$800⁰⁰ none recovered. They thought him dead.

He intended to pay his tax of this money, but failed to get it home, he was dealing in rosin and had some thousand or thousands of barrels and was able with the money taken from him to pay his State tax but now is not able to do so and the rosin will not sell for enough to pay

his debts.

Dear Governor, will thow be so kind as to use thy influence with the Legislature to release my husband from paying any tax on rosen to the State and if any of his agents have paid any since he was so cruelly treated the last day of 1st Month (Jan) that it be returned to him. I hope the Legislature will act wise and prudent, and be compassionate to one who is afflicted for life without giving any offence or mistreatment to those that thus treated him. My dear husband is not able to get about yet, this is the 38th day since he was hurt. I have addressed all the members of the Legislature from this County (Wayne) on the same subject.

His best respects to thee.

Please excuse all undue privilege from a stranger though a friend of thine.

Sallie W. Perkins

Source: Governor's Papers. Jonathan Worth, 1866. G. P. 195.

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STATE VS JOSEPH MARTIN & OTHERS

State of North Carolina
Wayne County

Superior Court of Law

First Monday after the Fourth Monday of September 1819

Be it Remembered that heretofore to wit on the First Monday after the Fourth Monday of March 1819 in the Superior Court held for the County of Wayne at the Court House in Waynesborough, An Indictment was found by the Grand Jury of Said County duly Sworn and charged (in the Following words to wit

State of North Carolina
Wayne County

Superior Court of Law

the first Monday after the fourth Monday of March 1819.

The Jureors for the State upon their oaths present, that Joseph Martin, Thomas Durden, Joel Newsom Sen^r, Joel Newsom Jun^r, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders and Zadock Peacock, all late of the County of Wayne together with divers other persons to the Juriors aforesaid as yet unknown, being rioters, Routors and disturbers of the Peace of the State, on the Ninth day of April in the year of our Lord one Thousand eight Hundred and Seventeen with force and arms, that is to say with Sticks, Stones, and other offensive weapons at the County of Wayne aforesaid unlawfully riotously and Routously did assemble and gether to gether to disturb the peace of the State, and being So assembled and gethered to gether the dwelling house of one Lucy Showell, she the said Lucy being in the peaceable possession thereof, then and there unlawfully riotously and Routously, did pull down remove, break and distroy, and other wrongs to the Said Lucy Showell, then and there did to he great damage and against the peace and dignity of the State

And the Jureors aforesaid upon their oaths aforesaid do further present that the said Joseph Martin, Thomas Durdin, Joel Newsom Sen^r, Joel Newsom Jun^r, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders & Zadock Peacock on the Said ninth day of April in the year aforesaid in the County of Wayne aforesaid in and upon one Lucy Showell in the peace of God and the State, then and there being with force and arms did make an assault and the Said Lucy Showell then and there did beat wound and ill treat and other wrongs to the said Lucy Showell then and there did to her great damage and against the Peace and dignity of the State

Indorsesed

J R Downell Solicitor

a True Bill

E. Slocumb Foreman

And the Said, Joseph Martin, Thomas Durdin, Joel Newsom Sen^r. Joel Newsom Jun^r, Isaac Newsom, Burrel Martin, Richard Sanders, Joseph Sanders & Zadock Peacock having been brought into Court by a Writ of Copias executed by the Sheriff of Wayne County, at the present Term of the Superior Court of said County the First Monday after the fourth Monday of September 1819, and then and there by their attorneys John Stanly and Moses Mordeca Esquires entered a plea of not guilty, whereupon the following Jury of good and lawfull Men duly Sworn, To wit, Daniel Kornegay, Jesse Bass, Thomas Horn, James Carraway, Willis Garner, James Acock, James Cox, Robert Gurley, Stephen Coor, Richard Brent, Gabriel Sherrod and Hopton Coor, was empaneled to Try the issues, and aligations Set forth in the Indictment, and the Said Jury of Good and Lawful Men aforesaid returned their verdict to Said Court, and Say that the defendents are guilty of the Riot as charged in the Indictment, but not guilty of the Assault and Battery as charged in the said Indictment.

Whereupon the defendents moved for a new Tryal upon the ground of Misdirection of the Judge in the following Points ———

1st That upon the first Count, The Judge charged that evidence of taking down the Roof of the house in which Lucy Showell resided against his Consent Supported the Said Court, notwithstanding the husband of said Lucy Showell was living: That the alligation in the indictment that it was the dwelling of the Said Lucy Showell was not traversable, The Said Showell the Husband having gone from the State, leaving his said wife Lucy behind residing in the house which he had ocupied at his departure and having Since the Commission of the acts charged in the Said Court returned to the State, but has not Since resided with his Said wife-
2nd That altho no evidence of a Right of Possession in Lucy Showell or her Husband, or any evidence of Personal reclamer or turning her out of possession was given, and evidence of the title to the Land was given in one of the defendents, they were guilty of a Riot in taking off the roof of the House.

Which Motion for a new Tryal being over ruled The Court passed the Following Sentence, That the defendant Joseph Martin be fined Forty Dollars and the other defendents Twenty Dollars each.

Whereupon the defendants prayed an appeal to the Supreme Court of North Carolina, which was granted by one of Said defendants entering into Bond with Sufficient Security in the Sum of one Hundred Pounds ———

State of North Carolina
Wayne County

I Nicholson Washington Clerk of Wayne Superior Court, do hereby Certify the foregoing to be a True and Correct Transcript and Statement of the Case

The State against Joseph Martin and others as taking from the Records and proceedings in Said Case in my office, Given under my hand and Seal of Office the 26th day of October 1819.

Nⁿ Washington Clk

On reverse: State vs Joseph Martin & Others. Appeal from Wayne Superior C^t. New Trial. Filed 20th November 1819. Wm Robards C. S. C. Reported. Recorded.

It is equally immeterial whether the ownership of the house be properly described in the indictment.

Source: Supreme Court Case # 156½, November 1819. State vs Joseph Martin & Others. Submitted by Grace Turner. More in folder not copied by me.

(Our thanks to Carol Forbes for remembering to notify the paper & television of our meetings)

DEED OF TRUST

This Indenture made this Eight day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight hundred and twenty three Between James Smith of the County of Wayne and State of North Carolina of the one part and Bryan Barfield of the County of Wayne of the other part (witnesseth) that the s^d James Smith for the purpose of securing to the s^d Bryan Barfield the payment of a certain sum of money which he now owes the s^d Bryan Barfield as the security of the s^d James Smith and of Endemnifying the s^d Bryan Barfield against the security Ship for the s^d James Smith and for the further consideration of ten Dollars to him in hand paid by the s^d Bryan Barfield the receipt whereof he doth here by Acknowledge that he the s^d James Smith hath granted Bargained and sold and by these presents doth agree grant Bargain and sell unto the s^d Bryan Barfield his heirs and assigns all the Lands which I the s^d James Smith is cest and possess of in the County of Wayne on the South side of Nuse River and on the north side of Buckswamp and bounded as follows: Viz. the Lands which I purchased of Furnifold Jernigan Joining the Lands of Joseph Everitts Lazarus Smith and Mary Rhodes - Estimated to contain two hundred and thirty five acres. Also two negroes, one named Champ aged about twenty two the other named Harry aged about fifteen to have and to hold unto the s^d Bryan Barfield his heirs and assigns forever and the s^d James Smith for himself and his heirs doth covenant with the s^d Bryan Barfield his heirs and assigns that he has good right and Lawful authority to grant and convey the premises and negroes here in granted and conveyed that the s^d premises and negroes are free and clear of every incumberance and that he will warrant and defend the same to s^d Bryan Barfield his heirs and assigns against the lawful claim of all persons provided always, these presents are upon these conditions that if the s^d James Smith shall pay and satisfy the s^d Bryan Barfield and his heirs and assigns the sum of twelve hundred Dollars for which the s^d Bryan Barfield has become Security to the s^d James Smith to Furnifold Jernegan bearing date the 7th of October 1823 where of the s^d Bryan Barfield has become to the before mentioned sum of Twelve hundred dollars These are therefore to Endemnify and save harmless the s^d Bryan Barfield his Estates from all suits charges and damages to which he may be liable as the security of the s^d James Smith Either by Joining in note or bond or by Indorseing any note for the s^d James Smith as his security or for his accommodation hereafter to be made then these presents and all here in contained shall cease determine and be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue and it is a further consideration of these presents that until Breach of s^d contract the s^d James Smith may retain the use and possession of the s^d premises and negroes In witness where of the s^d James Smith hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and date above written

Signed in the
presence of
Pipkin M^cCulin

James Smith (Seal)

Wayne County February Term 1824

There was the within Deed of Trust from James Smith to Bryan Barfield duly proved in open Court by the oath of Pipkin M^cCullen a subscribing Witness & let it be registered

Test P. Hooks Clk

Recorded In the registers office of Wayne County the 20th of Feberuary 1825 In liber M. N^o 458.

On reverse: N^o 458. James Smith^s Deed of Trust To Bryan Barfield. Watkins of Duplin and Adm^r of Barf^d.

Source: John H. Bryan Collection. Private Collection 6.19
Submitted by Grace Turner.

Family Bible Record

JESSE BARNES FAMILY BIBLE RECORDS

William Dew was married October 28 (?), 1818
William Dew was born the 11 of February 1780 the son of Arthur Dew & Mary his wife.
Delphia his wife was born the 28 of March 1802
Jesse Barnes son of Dempsey Barnes & wife Sarah was born 10 Nov 1764
Edith Barnes wife of Jesse Barnes was born 27 May 1775
John Barnes son of Jesse Barnes and wife Polley was born 10 May 1792
Nancy Barnes was born 3 August 1793
Thomas Barnes was born 10 October 1794
Dempsey Barnes son of Jesse Barnes & wife Edith was born 27 July 1798
Jesse Barnes son of Jesse was born 18 April 1800
Delpha Barnes was born 28 March 1802
Weltha Barnes was born 19 February 1804
Edith Barnes was born 12 December 1806
Elias Barnes was born 12 April 1809
William Barnes was born 14 July 1811
Joshua Barnes was born 15 June 1813
Rebecca Barnes was born 28 August 1815
Margaret Barnes was born 11 January 1818
Wright Barnes son of Dempsey D. Barnes and wife Temperance was born the 8th day of June 1822
Edith Barnes born 8th day of February 1827
Welthy Barnes born 19th August 1828
Jesse Barnes son of Dempsey D. Barnes & wife Harriet, born 22 June, 1837
Jesse Barnes Sen. died 11th October 1843
Thomas Barnes died 17th November 1843
Edith Barnes died the 28th May 1848
Elias Barnes died 12th June 1856
Arthur Dew died the 14 of September 1816
William Dew died the 11th of Aug 1821
Delphia Dew wife of William Dew died 15th of Aug 1821
Weltha Barnes Decd the 29 September 1821
John Barnes Decd the 15th October 1822
Rebecca Barnes Died 26 of July 1823
Peggy Barnes Died 30 Day of December 1825
Joshua Barnes & Matilda Bynum were married the 16th day of May 1845
William Barnes & Jane C. Wilkins were married Dec. 3rd 1833
Alphus Branch & Nanie Barnes were married Nov. 7, 1865
Joshua Barnes was borned the 15th day of June 1813
Matilda Barnes was Bornd the 21st day of May 1819
Nancy Barnes daughter of Joshua Barnes and wife Matilda Barnes was borned April the 12, 1844.

(note: This Bible contains some recent Branch records not copied)

The following two items are not in order as recorded in Bible:

Louis Dicken Wilson Barnes, son of Joshua and Matilda Barnes, Died the 16th day of November 1856
Nancy Barnes Branch (1879) daughter of Alpheus and Nannie Branch married Fredr L. Carr (1873) on Dec. 10, 1908

The above records from the Jesse Barnes Bible were copied by Marybelle Delmar from the Bible in possession of Mrs. Fred Carr, 303 West Nash Street, Wilson, N. C., September 27, 1941.

Transcribed from typed copy in N. C. State Archives Family Bible Records Collection.
Submitted by Sue Evans Powell

Trees of Wilson

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TREES OF WILSON

The Newsletter of the
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Editor: Grace Turner

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President's Message

Welcome back! We've missed having contact during July. England and Wales are still there and as beautiful as ever. Sue and I will be sharing information from the trip over the coming months but we promise no travelogue unless you ask for it. We learned a lot about family history research in Britain which might be useful to others in the future.

We have lots of good things planned for our fall activities to be announced in upcoming newsletters. You will see some changes in the newsletter as we will include the monthly minutes and treasurer's report beginning in September because over half of our members live out of the area and don't get to meetings. As we are always pushed for time in the meetings this is a way to give more time to the program.

Please keep sending member contributions to the newsletter. The response to these is overwhelming in favor of more. The newsletter is your member forum and open to any reasonable material that you might want to have published. Don't hide those treasures in the old trunk. Send us old letters, deeds or whatever that would be of interest to your fellow members. Or try your hand at a article.

Next month we will begin a special one-page report entitled "My Family" and space is reserved just for you. Send us an ancestral chart, a writeup or whatever you want. The page is all yours. First in will be first published.

Henry Powell

No Meeting in August.

But here is a report on the June social evening with a good turnout of members and a splendid array of edibles - barbecue, Brunswick Stew, barbecued chicken, salads and cakes among the many choices. Lawyer Allen Thomas' country place was an ideal location although one member was not impressed by the seating as she was dumped onto the floor when a chair collapsed.

The next scheuled meeting is set for Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00 pm in the meeting room of the Wilson County Public Library. The program will be announced in the September newsletter.



June Socialites

Carol Forbes, Wanda Taylor and Doris Bissette rock and discuss the fine dining at the annual social gathering in June. Wanda's black-eyed peas were acclaimed by all.

Photo by Grace Turner

The Hugh Johnston Records continued

Some time ago, Reese Ferrell, then president of WCGS, made a survey of the Hugh Johnston working papers at the request of Edna Johnston, and recorded the presence of the following family records. Allen, Anderson, Applewhite, Armstrong, Batts, Bentley, Bevan, Braswell, Bullock, Bridgers, Bundy, Burnette, Bynum, Cage, Calhoon, Carter, Carver, Clare, Clinch, Coleman, Conyers, Culpeper, Daniel, Davis, Day, Deans, Dew, Dickerson, Dixon, Doles, Doty, Dunn, Eason, Edwards, Elliott, English, Etheridge, Farmer, Flowers, Gardner, Gray, Green, Grice, Harris, Havilland, Hayes, Hodges, Holland, Hooker, Horn, Howell, Johnston, Jones, Jossey, Joyner, Kitchen, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lee, Long, Martin, Mayo, Nicholson, Norsworthy, Peele, Pender, Petway, Peyton, Pitts, Pope, Powell, Pritchard, Pritchett, Proctor, Robbins, Roberts, Rogers, Sanders, Savage, Sessom, Shearer, Shepherd, Skinner, Smith, Spencer, Stallings, Street, Strickland, Stringer, Tarver, Taylor, Thomas, Thompson, Thorne, Vickers, Viverett, Warren, Watts, White, Whitley, Williamson, Williford, Whitehead, Woodard, Wright.

Files vary in size from the largest of several thousand pages each (Johnston, Bridgers, Thomas) to medium files of a few dozen pages (Calhoon) and some small files of a few pages (Culpeper, Davis). Please write or call if you would like an estimate of a file size.

Again, our procedure in handling requests is that a member may request a copy of a file upon payment of the cost of making a master set and a set for the member. A bound set will go into the local library and the originals will go to NC State Archives under terms of Hugh Johnston's will. A set of about 500 pages will cost about \$50 for the master and

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Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; nonmembers should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

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Johnston Records, continued

copy and \$25 for another copy to be bound. The member or a designee must make the master set under our supervision using the Society copier. Under the terms of the estate trustees, we must maintain control of the originals at all times and they cannot leave our care. Our copier is located in a publically accessible location and is available during normal business hours.

Please contact Sue Powell, WCGS Secretary at 919-237-1250 after 6pm to make arrangements for copies.

We regret that it is not possible to undertake searches of Mr. Johnston's papers in response to a query. A member may search a family file by prior arrangement. Please write or call with details of any planned search.



Family connections

Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society

Fulghum family history documented in local book

The Wilson County Genealogical Society is pleased to help with questions about family origins and connections in Wilson County and can provide assistance to anyone doing specific research. Please visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on local families. A WCGS volunteer is often available to help on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. The next meeting will be May 28 at 7 p.m. at the main library. The May program will feature information on using a computer to manage your family history and saving old family photographs. WCGS annual membership includes a subscription to the monthly newsletter "Trees of Wilson County"

Question: I would like to know more about my grandmother's family. She married a Fulghum and was a Dawson from Wayne County.

D.P., Wilson

Answer: The Fulghum family dates back in the Wilson County area to Jacob Fulghum of Nabuta (Wayne County) who bought land in the Old Fields/Rock Ridge area in the early 1800s. The first record of the family in America was the arrival of Captain Anthony Fulghum in 1623 in Isle of Wight County, Va., who settled along the James River near the present-day cities of Franklin and Suffolk.

Captain Fulghum (note the spelling with "ham") was a ship's captain and attorney and was listed in an early Virginia land record by his English name of Foljambe. He was descended from the Foljambe family of Moor Hall, Derbyshire in north central England, near the city of Sheffield. The family is thought to be of Scandinavian origin from Denmark and engaged in trading and raiding along the coast of France where some family members settled over the centuries.

Sir Godfrey de Follesjambe of Normandy accompanied William (The Conqueror) in the invasion of England at the Battle of Hastings in 1066 and was rewarded for his services by the gift of an estate called Wormhill in the Peak District in the center of England. The present family estate is called Walton Hall, located near the village of Chesterfield. The English branch of the family has been distinguished over the centuries by several high public officials and holders of titles such as the present Earl of Liverpool.

The great grandson of Captain Anthony, also an Anthony, moved from Virginia to Dobbs County (now Wayne County) in 1762 just as the area was opened for settlement by the agent of Lord Granville, Lord Proprietor of Carolina and shortly after the final Indian conflict near Snow Hill which forced the local tribes people to flee to New York State.

Anthony came to North Carolina with his cousin and wife, Nancy Ralford, where their first son, Ralford, was born in 1743. It was

this child who first carried the Fulghum name which distinguishes the Carolina branch from the Virginia branch of the family.

The line of descent from Ralford to your grandfather is as follows: Ralford, John, Jacob, Jesse, Ralford, Richard, Claude. The generations from Jesse, who moved in 1828 to his father's land, lived in the area between Wilkeson's Crossroads and Rock Ridge and spread throughout western Wilson County over the years. Today there are Fulghums all across the U.S. and many can claim descent from the Rock Ridge settlement.

Most of these details and information on individual Fulghum families was originally compiled by the late local genealogists, Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. and Marshall Daniel, and was later included in the book, "History of Wilson County and Its Families," published in 1985 by Wilson County's 150th Anniversary Committee, Edna E. Boykin and Ruth S. Gardner, co-chairmen of the Book Project. This rare out-of-print book is widely known as the Wilson County Heritage Book. A supplemental edition was published later which includes more families.

Most copies are in private hands, with one copy available for reference at the Wilson County Public Library (available by request at the upstairs circulation desk for use in the Library). It would be a great service for a local group or public-spirited individual to sponsor the release of these books in a combined form with a badly-needed index.

We regret that we have no information on the Dawson family from Wayne County as this column is limited to Wilson County records. The Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library has much Wayne County information and help is sometimes available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There is a genealogy group in Wayne County area called "The Old Dobbs Society" (Dobbs County, dissolved over 200 years ago, included Wayne County and parts of surrounding counties.)

Dobbs records are housed at Smithfield in Johnston County which also has a genealogy group. These groups may be able to help with your query. You may also wish to consult the Mormon Family History Centers in Raleigh and Goldsboro as that church group has the largest collection of family history information in the world, and, while they do not carry out research for individuals, they are very helpful to visitors. Genealogical research is not a good activity for the impatient person who wants quick answers.

This report was compiled by Sue & Henry Powell.

For help with your family history, please write WCGS at P.O. Box 802, Wilson, 27894 or telephone 237-1250 after 6 P.M.

Tuesday, May 21, 1996

Tuesday, June 18, 1996



Family connections

Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society

Powell family roots

The Wilson County Genealogical Society is pleased to help with questions about family origins and connections of general interest in Wilson County and can provide assistance to anyone doing specific research. Unfortunately we are unable to prepare complete individual family histories as these requires much individual effort and time which we do not have available.

Please visit the Genealogy Room at the Wilson County Public Library for more information on your Wilson County ancestors. A WCGS volunteer is often available to help you on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. You are invited to attend any regular meeting of the WCGS, held in September to November and January through May. Our next regular meeting will be Sept. 23 in the Meeting Room at the Wilson County Public Library at 7 p.m.

Q. Can you tell me anything about the history of the Powell family in Wilson County?

W.P.

Wilson

A. In the mid 1700s a John Powell arrived in the Town Creek area of what is now Wilson County and produced descendants who are still here. There are now several Powell families in Wilson County originating from various sources. We would be glad to hear from any readers who have Powell family history information to share.

To understand these various sources we can look at how Powell families have developed since the stone age. Some families came from England, derived from surnames such as Poie, Pool and Paul, while many came from Wales where the surnames was a shortening of ap Howell, son of Howell. The Welsh lineage makes interesting reading.

We begin with a mysterious population of people that lived in lowland areas of northern Europe many thousands of years ago. When the last ice age ended, beginning about 12,000 years ago, the glaciers melted and the ocean level rose about 300 feet, flooding the homelands of these people, who then wandered in tribes through Europe, taking over wherever they went. Known as Celts, these tribes became the scourge of the continent although they had no central leadership.

One clan, named the Silures, fled from Spain in about 500 B.C. when defeated in a territorial battle. They made their way, probably in round wicker boats, to the western peninsula of Great Britain, now known as Wales, following a river into the interior. They settled in a wide fertile valley where they built still dwellings along the swampy edge of the river at the foot of the Black Mountains. This group of about 200 people lived in relative peace with neighboring Celts until invaders from the east arrived in about 200 B.C. Abandoning their still dwellings, the Silures retreated to a small hill near the river where they built a fortification and continued to live their lives in a more guarded manner.

Each clan or tribe was led by a "king," and competition was fierce among them for leadership. Every Celtic male youth was re-

quired to learn by heart at least 11 generations of his ancestry, and that oral history is today the source of our knowledge of the Celts as they had no written language. Their spoken language lives on as modern Welsh. The name Wales was given by Anglo-Saxon invaders of England who called the Celts "Walesa," which meant foreigners in Saxon. The Welsh themselves call the country Cymru, which means brotherhood and has the same derivation as the word for comrade.

A 10th century king, Hywel Dda (Howel the Good), united Wales with his special talent for consensus and conciliation. His descendants were known as ap Howel (son of Hywel), later shortened to Powell. Their valley became known as Breconshire, named for an Irish Celtic cleric, Brychan, who brought Christianity to the valley in the 5th century AD, ending the reign of the Druid priests. The ap Howels built a dwelling, Castell Madoc, at the foot of the family hill-fort, Craig Hwel. In the 12th century but only ruins remain today.

Members of the Powell clan eagerly joined the Welshman, Henry Tudor, in his successful fight for the English crown in 1485. As Henry VII, he rewarded his supporters with manors, and Gwilym (William) Powell of Castell Madoc was granted an estate near Mildenhall in Suffolk on the east side of England. The family spread across eastern England and into London. In 1608, an adventurous young Londoner, John Powell, boarded a ship named "The Swallow" and sailed with Captain Christopher Newport to Elizabeth City County (now Newport News) in Virginia. John's descendants moved west: into Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Surrey counties in Virginia, and later into the new lands opened by Lord Granville in eastern North Carolina.

In the first 50 years after Jamestown was settled, there were dozens of Powell arrivals in the Virginia colony. Some were aristocrats, some were criminals sentenced to be transported to the Colonies as punishment, and many came as indentured servants to earn their passage across the Atlantic.

(Report compiled by Henry & Sue Powell)

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Announcements

• North Carolina Genealogical Society annual meeting and workshop titled "Indian Heritage in North Carolina" will be held October 25-26, 1996 at Peace College in Raleigh. Speakers include Wesley Taukchiray, Dr. George Scheitzer, Virginia DeMarce, and Jerry Stover. Cost per registrant is \$44 for NCGS members and \$49 for non-members. Registration includes a Friday night reception and lunch on Saturday. Genealogy vendors will be present. Further information from NCGS Annual Meeting, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

• Bobby Boykin has asked that we announce the publication of the book prepared by Patrick Valentine with his assistance entitled *Episcopalians of Wilson County, 1856-1995*, hardcover with 450 pages, indexed, with endnotes, appendices of baptisms, marriages, deaths, and more, over 90 illustrations. Offers a detailed and researched but lively study of Wilson's Episcopal Churches and their people set within the social, political and cultural context of the most complete history of Wilson yet presented. Genealogists will find useful the extensive lists.

Advance orders until 15 September are \$25 and \$30 after. \$4 shipping and handling (copies can be picked up at St. Timothy's Episcopalian Church with dates and times to be announced). Order from History Committee, St. Timothy's, PO Box 1527, Wilson, NC 27894. Telephone: 919-291-8220.

Commentary

From the *North Carolina Civil War Documentary*

"In 1863, General Lee wrote Secretary Seddon that 'desertion of the North Carolina troops from this army is becoming so serious and evil that, unless it can be promptly arrested, I fear the troops from that state will be greatly reduced.' A rough estimate suggests that the average number of Confederate absentees without leave comprised one-fifth of the entire enlisted force before May 1863, one-third in the later part of 1863 and early 1864, and two-fifths in late 1864 and 1865. Specific figures show that North Carolina's 428 officers and 23,694 men who deserted were almost twice that of any other Confederate state." General J. J. Pettigrew attributed these desertions to but one cause, the unfortunate state of public opinion at home produced by a small but very active portion of the community.

On the other side of the ledger, one historian wrote that "North Carolina's greatest contribution to the confederacy was manpower - the high number of soldiers who bore the brunt of scores of battles." She had one-ninth of the population of the Confederacy and furnished over one-seventh of its troops: 111,000 men organized into 72 regiments, 10,000 reserves comprising eight regiments and 4,000 home guardsmen. North Carolinians killed in battle numbered 19,673, more than one-fourth of the confederate total. North Carolina's total war casualties were greater than that of any other state.

Contributer unknown, submitted at a recent WCGS meeting.

Ed. Note: Please put your name and the source on any documents which you submit for publication in the newsletter.

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Columbia, MD 21044

(no telephone given)

Surnames: as before

• H. Mark Whitley

84 Jason's Place

Saint Pauls, NC 28384

Surname update: Whitley, Lamm, Ferrell, Mayo, Horn, Horne,

Watson, Hinnant, Ruffin, Woodard, Johnston, Barrot, Wiggs,

Rowe, Scot, Davis, Morris

• Carol Ann Tadlock Wyman

720-103 Bishops Park Drive

Raleigh, NC 27605

Tad reports a busy time with daughter's wedding and new grandchild thus no recent time in Archives.

Surname revision: Barnes, Bragg, Hart, Jennings, Jordan,

Pittman, Wright. Previous list should be corrected to include

Holden.

• Priscilla Davis

7 Stetson Street

Brunswick, ME 04011

Surname changes: add Kirby and delete Strickland.

• Wanda Taylor

3805 Riviera

Elm City, NC 27822

Comments

• Thanks for including the Jesse Barnes Family Bible record in the June Newsletter. Brenda Thorne

• The past three newsletters ... have some very helpful tips in tracing ancestors. Jay Vinson

Query

I am trying to track down a painting, a picture of which I saw years ago in an art book. I don't know the name of the painting or the artist ... it was a street scene of Wilson, probably 1920-30 ... in the foreground were two small children sitting on a curb in front of Peacock Grocery Co. My grandfather, George L. Morgan, was Secretary-Treasurer of that Company. I would very much like to know where the painting is at present and to obtain a copy or print. Any help would be greatly appreciated. Patricia G. Morton, 485 Andergren Drive, Harrisonburg, VA 22801

Computers & Genealogy: software review

Family Origins, Family Atlas (Windows 3.1 or 95), Parsons Technology, 1-800-223-6925 or <http://www.parsonstech.com>. About \$30 for each program. Family Origins (version 4.0 reviewed). Vendor's Description: an easy way for you to enter, search, manipulate, and print information about your ancestors and descendents using the convenient Windows interface. Features:

- enter data and links are automatically created between individuals.
- view data as pedigree chart of family group.
- link scanned photos and images to individuals.
- print family group sheets and pedigree charts with photographs.
- add unlimited facts or events to each individual
- import and export data in Gedcom file format
- generate numerous printouts and statistics with custom report options.

Review: the program performs well and handles data input with ease. All functions are clearly identified and anyone with basic Windows knowledge should be able to use this program without difficulty. It is probably easier to use than the shareware program, Kith & Kin, and more flexible as well. However, it does lack the data lookup features of Family Tree Maker with its on-line and CD-Rom connections. At the price you probably can't go too far wrong if you want something non-threatening and comfortable to get your family tree in order.

Family Atlas (no version # given, dated 1995). A good idea that wasn't ready to leave home. The program is intended to take a family ancestry file and place the names on a map so you can see the distribution of family members over a given geographic area. After several hours of messing around I finally gave up trying to import a Gedcom file. The program hung up frequently and never produced any viewable results at all. No error messages came up so there was no clue as to why it didn't work. It didn't seem to be worth a call to Parson's tech support. Review: don't waste your money. It isn't obvious to this reviewer why one would need a geographic distribution map anyway unless you are looking for obscure migration patterns.

Programs submitted for evaluation by Brenda Thorne.

Reviewed by Henry Powell

WILL OF H. M. WHITLEY, JOHNSTON COUNTY

In the name of god amen I H. M. Whitley being of sound mind and memory but knowing the certainty of death and uncertainty of life, I make this my last will and testament. Viz.

After paying all my just debts I lend to my wife Pattie Whitley all my personal and real estate during her natural life or widowhood and at the expiration of her widowhood or death, it is my will and desire that all my property real and personal be equally divided between my surviving children. I further more request my wife Pattie Whitley to remain at the homestead with my children and carry on the farm and business as tho I were living this the 29th May 1875.

Signed in presence of

Jno W Lee

W. H. Hinton

H. M. Whitley

submitted by Sue Evans Powell from original in NC Archives

Miscellaneous Records

Abstracts of Account Books belonging to J. J. Thorn of Toisnot (now Elm City), NC

Books are *Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book, Designed for Farmers, Mechanics, and all People Who Appreciate the Value of Keeping a Memorandum of Business Transactions, Daily Events, and Items of Interest or Importance, for Future Reference.*

Book 1 (Cal. Year 1880-1881)

Lou Brown died Sept. 8th, 1895

Sookey Pender died Sept. 23rd, 1895

Willie Robins died Oct. 5th, 1895

Button Bullock died Oct. 26th, 1895

Ed Walston died Jan. 9th, 1896

Catherine Bridgers died Jan. 14th 1896

Peter Baker died Mar. 19th, 1896

Book 2 (Cal. Year 1894-1895)

William Greene June 29th, 1894

Pollie Farmer died July 1st, 1894

Wiley Harte died July 16th, 1894

Etta Woodard died July 17th, 1894

John H. Barnes died July 26th, 1894

Aunt Pitie Williams died Aug. 6th, 1894

John Drake died Oct. 9th, 1894

John T. Barnes died Oct. 9th, 1894

Jackson Viverett died Oct. 16th, 1894

Guvnor Bragdon died Oct. 16th, 1894

John Adams died Oct. 18th, 1894

Amanda Gill died Oct. 18, 1894

Thomas Bridgers died Nov. 10th, 1894

Dick Williams' wife died Nov 10th, 1894

Rinie Pitt died Nov. 17th, 1894

Lincy Wilkins died Nov. 23rd, 1894

Riley Vick died Dec. 16th, 1894

Capt. Burrell Brinkley died Dec. 31st, 1894

Mattie Williams died Jan. 19th, 1895

Nicholas Howard died Mar. 5th, 1895

Billy Thorn died Mar. 27th, 1895

Mrs. John Dixon died Apr. 19th, 1895

Richard Greene died May 22nd, 1895

Adie Dannel (Daniel?) died June 10th, 1895

Henry Pridgen's wife died June 29, 1895

Charley Pender died July 8th, 1895

Big rain Feb. 5 and 6, 1896

Amous Jackson died Feb. 19th, 1896

John Cobb died Feb. 21st, 1896

Blunt Farmer died May 6th, 1896

Sidney Clark died May 20th, 1896

Jim Sharp's wife died June 21, 1896

Jerrv Parker died June 23rd, 1896

The account books from which this information was abstracted were in the possession of R. F. Coleman of Wilson, NC as of April 1971. All spelling and the chronological order are as found.

Submitted by M. W. Moore

BARRY'S MEMORANDUM

This Steven Lassiter Married the sister of a certain Isham Uzzle formerly of that Country but removed to Sumner County about the year 1804 or 5 & brought with him a negroe Wench Named Rachael & Several of her Children - this Rachael came by his Wife Anny Blackman the daughter of a certain Col. William Blackman also of that Country - Blackman's first wife was Daughter of a Col. W^m M^cKinney of Wayne County by whom he got Phillis the Mother of Rachel as a marriage Portion - Phillis lived & Died with Blackman & her Daughter Rachael was sent by Blackman when Nearly grown to Col. M^cKinney who raised his grand daughter Anny untill she was Married to Uzzle as before stated - 5 or 6 years after Uzzle's Marriage old M^cKinney makes a will by which he devises Rachael & her encrease to Uzzles Children. Uzzle sells the Property to me & then combines with his children who sue for & recover their negroes by virtue of M^cKinney's will - the fact I wish to establish is that Phillis the Mother of Rachael was notioreously considered in the Country a gift to Blackman and that her Daughter Rachael was also considered a gift to Uzzle on his marriage - So that by law M^cKinney had no right to the negroes & consequently could not devise - Should it become necessary for me to establish these facts or gift I wish to employ some Attorney who practices in them Countys & would procure depositions to support these facts - his name & address that I might write to him on the subject & any information you can collect please address me a line on the subject - Directed R D Barry Esq^r Gallatin (Ten), & the favour shall be gratefully remembered & acknowledged by your very hum^l & Servt -

Ric^d D Barry

Nashville October 16th 1819 -

P.S. M^s Lassiter has a sister Susanah Westbrook living in Greene County.

On reverse: Barry's Memorandum. Attention of M. Pettigrew.

Source: John H. Bryan Collection, 1716-1907, located in third folder. P. C. 6.26.
Submitted by Grace Turner.

PETITION FOR GRANT SUSPENSION

Etheldred Boyet vs Robert Crawford, Isham Rogers, & Stephen Lasser
Wayne Co Pleas and Quarter Sessions Court Aug. term 1802 Etheldred Boyet vs Robert Crawford, Isham Rogers, & Stephen Lasser: petition for alteration of a grant: This suit commenced in the presence of the parties, and it appeared legal notice had been served. Court heard the petition, examined the grant and other testimony, & find the surveyor, in making out the plat and certificate, made an error. The grant was for 140 ac on Mar. 17, 1756 to Thomas Jernigan. The errors are in the second and third lines: the second line in the grant is "S54E" instead of "N54E" and the third line is "N36E" in the grant instead of "S36E" which is how it was run by the surveyor. Court believes the Petitioner will be injured by these errors; so Court ordered the Clerk to certify these facts to the Secretary of State. Sept. 22, 1802 I so certfy. [signed] Jas Lasser, c c; [on back] altered Oct. 8, 1802; [grant is in Secretary of State's Land Grant Office file #907; grant book 15 p. 124 which isn't corrected; and file #354; grant book 13 p. 100 which is corrected; grant is 140 ac to Thomas Jernagan in Johnston Co].

Source: Petitions for Land Grant Suspensions in North Carolina 1776-1836, by Dr. A. B. Pruitt.

SUPREME COURT CASE #6193

State of North Carolina

Pitt County Be it remembered that at a Superior Court of Law began and held for the County of Pitt & State aforesaid at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday in March One Thousand Eight hundred and fifty One and in the 75th year of American Independence - - Present Hon^r John W. Ellis, Judge assigned for holding the Same,

Came here into Court Wyatt Moye & Wife by their Attornys B F Moore & W B Rodman Esq^r and brought the following transcript in words and figures as follows, to wit:

State of North Carolina

Pitt County Be it remembered that at a Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions, began and held for the County aforesaid, at the Court House in Greenville on the first Monday of November A. D. 1850 & in the 75th year of Independence

Came Wyatt Moye and his Wife Louisa Moye by their Atty William B Rodman Esq^r and brought into Court their bill of Complaint in the following words to wit

State of North Carolina

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions
November Term 1850

Pitt County

The Petition of Wyatt Moye & Wife Louisa

vs

John May & Others -

To the Worshipful Justices of Said Court -

The petition of Wyatt Moye and Louisa M Moye his Wife of the State of Mississippi Sheweth that at November Term 1846 of your Said Court, John May, Turner May, Martha May, Benjamin May, William Williams and Wife Nancy, Lambert P. Beardsley & Wife Jacky Ann, Lambert P. Beardsley Adm^r of Moses Tison, Titus Allen Adm^r of Elizabeth Allen, Benjamin Bynum, Jacob Barnes and Wife Fanny, N P Daniel and Wife Peggy, Richard W Bynum, James W May, and Wife Tabitha, Gideon Bynum. Priscilia Dixon, Susan Bynum, John Bynum, Caroline Bynum, Joseph Bynum, the four last infants Suing by their guardian Josiah Barrot and Benjamin May Adm^r of Benjamin M Speight (who with John Holliday and wife Maira, Thomas Cannon and wife Penelope, Joseph W Speight, Samuel Dixon and Wife Elizabeth, all of whom reside out of this State to Wit in the State of Mississippi) and Benjamin May now Adm^r of Jesse Speight are hereinafter named as defendants, filed their petition in which they set forth that they as tenants in Common with the said Jesse Speight and your petitioner Louisa (who is Styled Lewcy in said petition and who was then the wife of the said Jesse) the said Holliday & wife, Thomas Cannon & wife, Joseph W Speight, and Samuel Dixon & wife were entitled to and held Certain Slaves Viz, Pato, Ned, Willie, Jesse, Daniel, Moses, Jackson, Hannah, Letty, Esther and Child Hannah, Hetty, Lilly, Jacob, Cynthia, and Sylvia, Which descended to them as the next of Kin of Penelope May, who died intestate in the day of _ 1846 in the year; that said Slaves were divisible into nine parts, and the said John May, Turner May, Martha May, Benjamin May, William Williams & Wife, Jesse Speight and Wife were entitled to one share each, the Said L P Beardsley & wife L P Beardsley Adm^r and Titus Allen Adm^r to one Share the Said Benjamin Bynum, Jacob Barnes & wife, N P Daniel & wife, Rich^d A Bynum, James W May & wife, Gideon Bynum, Priscilia Dixon and Susan, John, Caroline, and Joseph Bynum, to one share, and Benjamin May Adm^r of B. M. Speight, John Holliday & wife, Thomas Cannon & wife, Joseph W Speight and Samuel Dixon & wife to one Share, that said petitioners were desirous of having a division of Said Slaves so that each might possess and enjoy his or her Share in Severalty

that said Jesse Speight and wife, John Holliday & wife, Thomas Cannon & wife, Joseph W Speight and Samuel Dixon and wife were residents of the State of Mississippi, they prayed that the said non residents might be made parties by publication and that Commissioners might be appointed to divide said Slaves among the owners according to their respective rights as set forth in said petition & C - At the Same time to Wit, Nov^r Term 1846 affidavit having been made of the truth of the facts set forth in the petition, the Court declared that it appeared that the defdts Jesse Speight & Wife Lewcy, John Holliday & Wife Maria, Thomas Cannon & Wife Penelope, Joseph W. Speight and Samuel Dixon & wife, Elizabeth were non residents of the state and ordered that publication Should be made in the North State Whig for five weeks Successively, within fifty days for said defendants to appear and defend the petition or the Same would be taken pro Confesso & C - - At Feby Term 1847, the Court declared that publication had been Made as ordered and gave judgmt pro confesso on the petition and ordered that the Slaves be divided as prayed for and appointed Commissioners - - At May term 1847 the report of the Commissioners was returned and confirmed and ordered to be recorded and judgment given for the Costs - - By said report (the whole of which together with the proceedings in the said petition is prayed to be taken as part of this petition) the slave were divided into nine Shares only, no Subdivision being made, and the Slave Jesse Valued at \$625 was allotted to Jesse Speight and Wife Lewcy, Who were to pay Turner May \$1.39, B May Adm^r, Joseph W Speight, Holliday & Wife, Cannon & Wife, Dixon & Wife, \$22.20 which two sums viz, \$23.60 deducted from the Value above leaves them a share \$601.39 -

Your petitioners further Show Your Worshipps that during the proceedings aforesaid Your petitioner Louisa was the Wife of the said Jesse Speight, who during all that time and long before to Wit from the year 1829 up to his death was along with your petitioner Louisa a Resident of the State of Mississippi - -

A Your petitioner Show by way of Supplement and by leave of the Court first had and Obtained that after the decree for partition and after the said partition was made by the Commissioners the said Jesse Speight took possession of the said Slave Jesse for the purpose of having him Conveyed to the state of Mississippi; to your petitioner Louisa and immediately left this State and after reaching the State of Mississippi died in that State on the _____ day of May 1847, which was the Monday of the term of the County Court of Pitt to which the report of the Commissioners was returned and Confirmed, That your petitioner Louisa was left him Surviving, and she afterwards to wit on the _____ day of 18__ intermarried with your other petitioner Wyatt Moye; That at February Term 1848 of said County Court of Pitt letters of Administration on the estate of the said Jesse Speight were granted to the deft Benjamin May who duly qualified and took possession of said Slave Jesse and Still holds him claiming the said Slave to have been the property of the said Jesse Speight, at the time of taking possession of him as aforesaid

That your petitioner Louisa and the said Jesse Speight were married in the year 1837 and long before the death of the said Penelope May to wit in the year 1837 were domiciled ~~until the death of her said~~ in the State of Mississippi; and Continued so domicilled until the death of her said husband, and your petitioner Louisa ever since has been and is now domiciled in the said State, - - Your petitioner further Shew that your petitioner Louisa was and the said Jesse Speight was not one of the next of Kin of the said Penelope May, - - Your petitioners further Shew that by a Statute of the State of Mississippi passed, in the year 1839 it was enacted that "hereafter when any Woman possessed of a property in Slaves shall Marry, her property in Such Slaves and their Natural increase shall Continue to her notwithstanding her Coverture and She shall have hold and possess the Same as her seperate property exempt from any liability for the debts or Contracts of the husband"

Howard & Hutchinsons Stat Miss Sec 23

And also "When any woman during Coverture shall become possessed of Slaves by Conveyance, gift, inheritance, distribution or Otherwise Such Slaves together, with their natural increase Shall inure and belong to the wife in like manner as is above provided as to Slaves which she may possess at the

time of Marriage"

Id Sec' 24

By a Statute of the State of Mississippi passed in 1846 it was enacted "that the products and proceeds of the labor of all Slaves Owned by a married Woman in her sole and Separate right should inure to her Seperate use and benefit (sec 4 of chap' 13 p 152 of Acts of 1846) and that for all Suits for the recovery of the property or possession of such Slaves shall be prosecuted or defended in the joint names of the husband & wife and all Suits upon Contracts in relation to or effecting the Seperate property either real or personal shall be prosecuted or defended in the joint names of the husband & wife (25 Sec 5 p 153) and your petitioners shew that such was the law of Mississippi; at the time of the death of the said Penelope May and Continually hitherto hath been -

B Your petitioners further Shew that the several parties took possession of the slaves allotted and decreed to them according to the said decree and, That the said slave Jesse was taken charge of by the said Jesse Speight in the manner herein before Stated - - And your petitioner further Shew that since May Term 1847 Viz about September 1850, the said Martha May died and at November Term 1850 of this Court the said Benjamin May Caused her Will to be proved and duly qualified as her Exe^r In or about Jan'y 1850, the said William Williams died intestate and at August Term 1850, of the Court James S Cobb duly became his Adm^r In or about Jan'y 1850 the said Gideon Bynum died intestate and at Term 1850, of this Court Nathan P Daniel duly became his Adm^r.

And Your petitioners further Show that they are advised that the Said interlocutory decree made at February Term 1847, and the said decree made at May Term are enonious(?) in that - - 1st, The defendants thereto and particularly your pet^r Louisa, were not properly made parties 2nd In that the plff in said petition did not give security as required by law to abide any decree of this Court touching the restitution of the property mentioned in the petition - - 3rd In that the decrees do not Contain the provisions required by law in the Case of non resident defts under the circumstances set forth - - 4th In that the decree does not divide the Slaves as prayed for, 5th In that it is declared and decreed by the decrees that Jesse Speight and Wife were the next of Kin of Penelope May and as such entitled to the ninth part of the Slaves named, Whereas the said Jesse Speight had no estate or interest in said slaves, but your petitioner Louisa was entitled to the undivided ninth part thereof to her sole and seperate use - - 6th In that the said Jesse Speight was dead at rendering of the decree at May Term 1847 and no representation of him was a party and also in many & other respects

C And your petitioners are advised that they are entitled to have the said decree so altered and reformed as to allot to your petitioner Louisa that ninth part of the said slaves or at least to have it so altered and reformed as to set apart to her for her sole and separate use the said slave Jesse with which last named alteration and reformation your petitioners would be content - And your petitioners that said defdts would have consented thereto but they refuse - To the end therefore that the defendants herein before named may appear and answer the premises on oath and that the said suit and proceedings had therein may Stand revised against the Said Benjamin May Adm^r of Jesse Speight and your petitioners be made parties thereto and the Said cause may be reheard on the original and Supplementary matter and that said decrees may be reviewed & reversed altered and reformed and that the slaves aforesaid as well as _____ who was omitted in the petition though embraced in the report and their increase Since may be divided among the above named next of Kin of Penelope May so as to give a ninth part in Severalty to your petitioner Louisa to her sole and seperate use, and the others to the other next of Kin as set forth in the original, and that your petitioner Louisa may be put in possession of his Share, and that your petitioners may have such other and further relief &C. May it please your Worships to cause to be issued your Writ of Subpoena (and also to have publication made for the non-residents) Commanding Said defendants, and the said representations of those now deceased to appear at the next term of this Court and answer the premises and Submit to abide by and obey the further order direction and decree of this Court herein,

And your petitioners will ever pray &C.

Rodman, Sol. for Petr^s

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

County Court
Nov^r Term 1850

William B Rodman being duly Sworn Saith that he is informed and beleives that the facts set forth in the foregoing petition, are true and especially, that John Holliday & Wife, Thomas Cannon & wife, Joseph W Speight and Samuel Dixon & Wife are residents of the State of Mississippi
Sworn to before me
H Sheppard Clk

November Term 1850. Service accepted by B May - Issue Copy & Subp' to all the defendants except Benjamin May and issue one Copy for him, Service Admitted by James L Cobb Adm^r of William Williams - It appearing to the Court that the defendants named in the petition as non-residents of North Carolina do in fact reside in the State of Mississippi - It is ordered that the said defendants appear at the next term of this Court and make their defence to this petition or the same will be taken pro-Confesso and heard Accordingly, Ordered further that this order be published for five weeks successively in the Raleigh Times within fifty days after the term of this Court.

February Term 1850

Goold Hoyt Esqr
Present Caleb Cannon Esqr
Benj M Selby Esqr

Answer of Benjamin May & Jacob S Barnes & Wife filed Publication made as to the defendants stated in the petition to be non-residents as Ordered Judgmt pro confesso as to the defendants who have not answered -

The Cause is heard by consent, and the petition is dismissed by the Court and judgment is given against the petitioners for the Costs.

The petitioners pray and appeal to the Superior Court which is allowed, appeal bond waived -

It is agreed that petitioners may amend their petition in the Superior Court if they desire to do so by changing it into a petition for Rehearing.

State of North Carolina
Pitt County

I Henry Sheppard Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County aforesaid do Certify that the foregoing together with the answer hereunto attached is a correct transcript of the suit of Wyatt Moye and Wife Louisa vs. John May & others -

Given under my hand and seal of office at Greenville
the 26th day of February A. D. 1851.

H Sheppard Clk

Bill of Costs

Petition 10/- Tax 10/- Order of publication 3/6 \$2.35, Publication \$5.62½ 17 Subp @ 5/- \$14.12, 17 Copies of Petition @ 22/- \$37.40, 7 Seals @ 2/6 Postage 8/- \$2.55, Judgmt 7/6 bill of Cost 3/6 \$1.10 = \$58.77

Atto Asa Biggs \$4.00, B G Albritton Shff \$1.20, J S Baker D Shff \$4.80, J F Jinkins Shff of Edgecomb \$3.60, Ja^s E Exum D Shff of G. \$.60 = \$14.20.

\$58.77

14.20

\$72.97

Source: North Carolina Supreme Court Case #6193. Wyatt Moye & Wife v. Benjamin May, December 1851.

Submitted by Grace Turner. More in folder not copied by me.

August 1996

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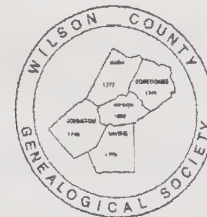
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TREES OF WILSON

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Welcome to our new program year. It's time for a new series of informational and how-to programs to help us all grow together as family history researchers.

Some new features, and some old ones, are here in this month's *Trees*. In particular, we hope that all members will help to present our message to the County Commissioners. A new and larger facility is fully warranted by the great interest in family history in our area. Those who ignore the past ...

Response to the Hugh Johnston records project continues to be strong. We have had some wonderful volunteer help, along with financial assistance, to get records copied. Much more is needed. Don't be shy. Your help is needed. Please.

Also, please remember that we now have a page just for your family, but we can't print it until we get it. Unlimber those fingers and get to typing!

Happy ancestor chasing!
Henry Powell

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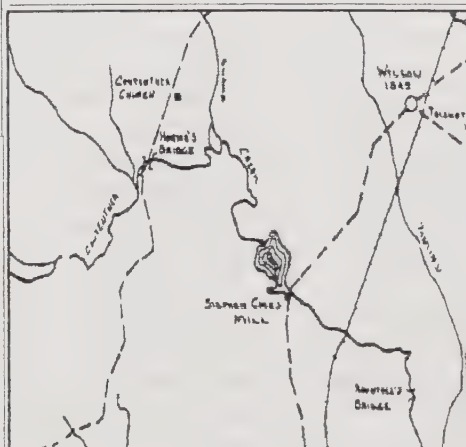
SEPTEMBER 24 MEETING

...presented by Lu-Ann Monson, Staff Member of the Wilson County Historic Properties Office.

Lu Ann will give guidance on how to locate ancestral sites on local maps, and will have some of these local maps on hand for illustration.

Most of us learn somewhere along the line that it is hard to get beyond a certain point unless you know more about where your ancestors lived, which has a lot to do with how they lived and what became of them over later generations.

- Why is Quaker Road so named?
- Why is the stage road from Tarboro to Stantonsburg so important?
- Why is Duncan Lamon's ferry over the Tar River so important to Wilson County's history? Where is it?
- Why is Peacock's Bridge so important to the history of Stantonsburg?



Wilson County 1855. A small portion of a map drawn by Hugh B. Johnston showing the area around Wiggins Mill.

Money Saving Tip

How can you get your family history researched and published for free?
...Run for public office!

LIBRARY EXPANSION - A PLEA TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Members of the WCGS have been shown projected plans for expansion of the main library building, which includes a much enlarged local and family history area. We see that action has been delayed on this request in the coming budget and wish to urge to Commissioners to be aware of the tremendous value of this resource to the community and to visitors. A list of some visitors during the summer is printed below - a small part of the actual number of people who use this space
(continued on page two)

SOME RECENT VISITORS TO THE GENEALOGY ROOM

(Wilson visitors not listed)

- Danny Cobb, Pikeville
- Pat Nelson, Raleigh
- Billy Nelson, Raleigh
- Emma Minshew, Orlando, FL
- Karen Rackley, Rocky Mount
- Carl Hocott, Tempe, AZ
- Rich Ellis, Tulsa, OK**
- Katie Benteen, Greenville
- M. W. Moore, Elm City
- Minnie Becton, Washington, DC
- Joan Hollomen, Atl, Beach, FL
- Gerald Daniel, Fayetteville
- Bill Auton, Monrovia, MD **
- Carol Nisbitt, Salisbury, MD
- Mary Matthews, Burbank, CA
- Horace Mecomes, Bailey
- Mark Whitley, St. Pauls, NC**
- Martha Doyle, Silver Spr. MD
- Ralph Leonard, Colonial Hgts. VA
- Leroy Newton, Pinetops
- Darian Woodard, Macclesfield
- Pamela Foreman, Richmond, VA
- Kenneth Bridgers, Portsmouth, VA
- Glenda Page, Macclesfield
- Darien Woodard, Macclesfield

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QUERY

\$50 Reward for documenting the names of Andrew Johnson's spouse and parents. This Andrew was found in the 1790 census of Halifax District, Nash County, NC with wife, 2 dau and 1 son, all children under 16 yrs. According to 1850 census in GA this Andrew was born ca 1766 in NC? His wife may have been either Olive or Olivia and may have been a Vick before her marriage to Andrew. This Andrew is known to have had sons Robert and William Johnson. Robert Johnson m. Frances Finch in Nash Co. Frances b. 1792 Nash Co and d. 1857 Iredell Co., NC. William Johnson m. Tempence Williams abt 1826 probably in Nash Co. Temperance b. ca 1803 in NC. Andrew remained in Nash til abt 1848 when he moved to GA with his son William. Pls send info to William Johnson Auton, 10911 Fingerboard Rd, Monrovia MD 21770. Tel. 301-865-3328. Email: wauton@aol.com.

(continued from page 1) on a regular basis for their ongoing family research.

Wilson County was an important genealogical way-station in the development of our nation. We get queries from Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Indiana, Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas and other states asking about an ancestor who lived here for several generations. We are the homeland to countless individuals named Peele, Lamm, Thomas, Johns(ton), Woodard, and others, all of whom contributed to the fabric of our present local population. We are important to these people and our information is valuable to them in helping to establish their roots.

In a more practical sense, to appeal to the monetary interests of elected officials, our visitors bring money. They stay in motels, eat in restaurants and buy in stores. This isn't major tourism - but it is a measurable component of our visitor count.

Commissioners, we appeal to you to move ahead with the Library renovation. This will be not only a valuable asset to the entire local community, but a tremendous benefit to those for whom Wilson County was part of their family heritage.

WCGS operates entirely on its own funds without any support from other sources. That must be some kind of accomplishment in a city which so richly supports the arts and historic preservation with tax funds.

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Members = 100
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 Beyond 44
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Complimentary copies of this issue are being sent to the County Commissioners.



Family connections

Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society

About the Ferrell family

Q: My wife and I would like to know about her ancestors, the Ferrells. Noel Ferrell was born about 1793 and died about 1871. We know his father was William Ferrell. Who was William's father? Any information would be helpful.
 W.W. Wilson.

A: Noel Ferrell was listed in the 1850 census from Wayne County, age 55, and in the 1860 census from Wilson County as age 57 (Wilson County was formed in 1855 from Wayne, Edgecombe, Nash and Johnston counties). This appears to agree with your family data, allowing for some careless work by a census taker.

We have other information from the Wilson County heritage book. Noel's father, William, and mother, Delilah, lived in the Cross Roads Township area in the southwest corner of present Wilson County (formerly Wayne County) near the Upper Black Creek Church. The family cemetery is nearby.

William is first mentioned in Wayne County in 1784 when he witnessed a will. There is no earlier information available. His last listing was in the federal census of 1830. William had two other sons, Samuel, born about 1792, and Eanus, born about 1801.

William may have been the son of John Ferrell, born 1745, who settled in Franklin County. John was descended from an earlier John Ferrell of New Kent County, Va., who arrived in 1686 as a "headright," a term for a person who agreed to work for a number of years for the landowner who paid for his or her passage. The landowner, in turn, was granted as many as 50 acres of land in return for paying the passage. The earlier John is buried in the church yard of the still-active St. Peter's church in New Kent County (not far from Williamsburg).

The headright system was begun by the Virginia Company (founders of Jamestown) as a means of enticing new settlers to the colony. As tobacco cultivation grew the system flourished. John Rolfe, husband of Pocahontas, returned to Henrico County (east of present Richmond) after her death in England in about 1617.

He experimented on his plantation with different types of tobacco, searching for a better variety than the native "Indian tobacco" which was strong and harsh. Rolfe acquired seeds, some say illegally, from Spanish tobacco as grown in Varina, Spain (pron. vah-rey-nuh, unlike North Carolina's vah-ree-nah.) His first crop was shipped to England where it met with great approval, and a new industry was born. Varina, Virginia still exists on the north side of the James River just beside I-295, although there is lit-

tle to see there except for some tobacco fields, still in use after some 375 years. Rolfe's plantation is still owned by his descendants, as his son, Thomas, returned from England as a young man (he was raised by Rolfe relatives there after his mother's death and buried in Gravesend on the Thames east of London) and married into the Randolph family.

Tobacco growing was so prevalent in Virginia in the 1600s that a request was made to the royal governor for a school for the education of ministers to serve the growing population. The governor's denial was recorded as "damn their souls, make tobacco!" However, the school efforts succeeded and the College of William and Mary was formed for the education of those who would eventually come to revolt against the harsh domination of the Crown. Thomas Jefferson learned his lessons well at the college as shown in his Declaration of Independence.

Several generations of Ferrells lived in New Kent County until John took advantage of a generous land grant offered by Lord Granville, Lord Proprietor of Carolina, as an inducement to increase the number of settlers. Land for growing tobacco in Virginia was becoming scarce as that crop soon depleted the soil and new fields were needed. In addition to William who settled in Wayne County, other Ferrells moved on to South Carolina and Georgia in the eternal quest for new land and new fortunes.

Noel (also called Newell) was married to Obedience (called Bebie in the 1860 census) and they had at least four children: Samuel (who married Polly), Elias, Noel and Jesse. Samuel and Elisa's families have spread widely in the local area, with many descendants recorded, far too many to be listed here. Interested readers are urged to consult the "History of Wilson County" and its Families available for reference at the main branch of the Wilson County Public Library for details on these descendants.

The Wilson County Genealogical Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, August and December) at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room of the Public Library. Membership is open to anyone interested in family history and each meeting features a program on some aspect of local families. We can help with inquiries and offer assistance in the Genealogy Room at the Public Library on some Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Write WCGS at PO Box 802, Wilson 27894 or call 257-1250 after 5 p.m. with queries which will be answered in this column.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

North Carolina Genealogical Society (NCGS): annual meeting reminder (listed in August Trees). Topic: Indian Heritage in North Carolina. October 25-26, Peace College, Raleigh.

NCGS new publication: *North Carolina Research*, second edition, Helen F.M. Leary, 1996, hardcover, 8 1/2" x 11", 626 pages, indexed. Price: \$45 + \$2.70 sales tax (in-state orders) + \$3 s/h. Newly revised essential guide to genealogical research in North Carolina. Order from NCGS, PO Box 1492, Raleigh, 27602.

Salisbury Ancestor Fair: Holiday Inn, 10-5, Saturday, September 21. Admission \$3. Featuring vendors (books & supplies), family associations, consultants (to speak & answer questions), surname directory for attendees who register in advance. Call 704-282-1339 for display or registration information or write-Carolina Trader Promotions, PO Box 769, Monroe, NC 28111. They are also sponsoring a similar event in York Co., PA on Saturday October 26 at the local firehall. Same contact information.

Virginia Archives (Library of Virginia): is moving to new building on Broad Street. Services are currently curtailed, move expected to be completed by December 20. Internet info: <http://leo.vsla.edu/lva/lva.html>

TIPS FOR THE GENEALOGIST

Family Legends - fact or fiction?

Don't get too hung up on family legends. Four common legends that spring up in many families include: (1) yours is a peculiar spelling of your surname; (2) A town in England or wherever is named for your family; (3) you are related to royalty or someone rich or famous; (4) your line goes back to three brothers who came to America.

Debunking these myths ... (1) surname spellings were never rigid until about 100 years ago. Many of our ancestors didn't read or write and their name was recorded by a clerk who wrote what he thought he heard, and differently each time.

(2) If anything your ancestors took the name of a locality. Surnames are at best a clue as to origins, not proof.

(3) Don't bet the farm that you are related to someone with fancy connections. If your ancestors were rich or famous why did they wind up farming in Wilson County? Most of us came from ordinary stock with the occasional horsethief cropping up here and there. Most left few records and moved all too often. Don't waste money on a guaranteed pedigree with royalty included. A big name makes a nice decoration on your family tree - IF you can prove it.

(4) The brother myth probably came from frustrated genealogists who tired of trying to find connections between people with the same surname. so they made one of those classic leaps of faith that get us all into trouble. Hang in there and find the real story. It's probably better than anything you could dream up anyway.

Adapted from "Splicing Links" by Myra Vanderpool Gormley in the newsletter *Missing Links*, a service of Prodigy On-Line.

QUERY

Seeking ancestors of **George G. Lamm** b. 18 Oct 1911 d. 17 Feb 1943 and **George M. Lamm** b. 7 Dec 1889 d. 29 Oct 1935. Betty E. Lawrence, 158 Old River Road, Beaufort, NC 28516. Tel: 919-728-7658.

Ed. note: we have already provided Ms. Lawrence with cemetery record from Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church and some census data. Other records have been located in Register of Deeds Office in Wilson County Courthouse. Please contact her if you have other information.

COMPUTERS & GENEALOGY

More Internet Information

Here is a new genealogy bookstore on the net: FRONTIER PRESS (<http://www.doit.com/frontier/>) has a intriguing selection. Try ...

US Cemetery Address Book. Over 25,000 cemeteries with addresses and locations. Indexed by state, city and county. 1994. 896 pp, \$50

How Healthy is Your Family Tree: A Complete Guide to Tracing Your Family's Medical and Behavioral History. 1995, 167pp. \$12.

First Among Friends: George Fox and the Creation of Quakerism. (Ingle). The definitive work on Fox and the early days of the faith. 1994. 407pp. \$19.95.

Revolutionary War Records: Virginia (Brumbaugh). Military lists, reprinted 1995, 707 pp. \$45.

Cottonwood Roots (Luther) A genealogical research odyssey across the midwest and back into time. A good gift for enjoyable reading. 1993, 150 pp. \$20.

American State Papers: Documents of the Congress in Relation to the Public Lands and Claims 1789-1837. Nine volumes, 80,000 Americans documented in most eastern states and west to Wisconsin. reprinted 1993, 7,728 pp. \$750.

Write it Right: A Manual for Writing Family Histories and Genealogies (Barnes & Lackey). 1983, 124 pp. \$7.95.

Cite Your Sources: A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records (Lackey). 1980, 94 pp. \$11.95.



"Either you're related to Mata Hari and Alfred the Great, or our computer's on the blink."

(this continues the series, begun in June 1996, of transcriptions from the Contentnea Baptist Association of biographies of prominent members. Original data submitted by Bobby Boykin, transcribed and abstracted by Sue Evans Powell)

(to be continued in future issues)

A Synopsis or Short Biographical Sketch of the Life of David Daniel, decd.

Brother David Daniel was borne in Greene County N. C. about 1779, a graceless Sinner, and grew up without hope and without God in the world (as all the children of God until the time appointed of their father) and after growing up to manhood married a Miss Phelps who soon became a member of the old Baptist Church at the Meadow Meeting House and lived a pious member of that and the White Oak churches till the day of her death which we think occurred in 1840. But Brother Daniel still remained a Stranger to God till he in his goodness visited his heart by his holy Sprit and convinced him of his perfection, and his own imperfection, and that too in such a clear light that he never after reposed much confidence in the flesh. After he believed his sins were forgiven him, he joined the Baptist church at the Meadow Meeting House about the date 1804 and remained in that church a meek pious, and beloved brother until 1832 when the church at White Oak was constituted, and he, and his wife, above spoken of were part f that church and constituted with it where he remained till the day of his death. He was in possession of as much natural goodness as any other man, and we have heard him called the best man in the world. He was remarkably fond in hearing Christ preached his infinite wisdom in devising the plan ere the world began to save sinners from eternal death, and condemnation.

Although he was a member for about fifty years we never knew a baptist to bring one charge against him. And some short time before his death in conversation he said instead of getting weaker in the faith he grew stronger, and was fully confirmed that the primitive Baptist were right. He lived to see all his four daughters members of the Baptist Church which he greatly rejoiced at. After the death of his first wife he married again and lived with another pious sister until his death, which was on the 16th day of July last leaving a pious widow and four daughters to mourn their loss. Brother Daniel was confined but a few days in his last illness, and appeared to be acquainted with the approach of death, but was not frightened at this at all; but died in the faith with a full assuranse of a glorious immortality and a happy resurrection at the right hand of God.

A Biographical Sketch of Elder Benjamin Bynum

He died on the 2nd day of July 1855 of a Typhoid Diarrhea. The deceased was born in Pitt County N. C. on the 10th day of Dec 1792 of Baptist parents. His father who was also named Benjamin was an imminent minister of the gospel for many years, and brought up his children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. And Benjamin the object of this memoir was married to Catherine W Hines daughter of Peter Hines Esqr. of Edgecombe County N C on the 21st of November 1815 in the commencement of his 24th year with whom he lived to the day

of his death, and by whom he had six daughters three of which are still living to sympathize with their bereaved Mother, and to mourn the loss of their departed Father.

The deceased first settled in Pitt County where he had been brought up - afterwards moved in Wayne County N. C. on Nahunta Swamp where he spent the remainder of his days. Shortly after the deceased was married God was pleased to awaken him to a sense of his lost and ruined state in nature and to direct his mind to the Lamb of God. On Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September 1817 he was received a member of the church at the Meadow in Greene County N. C. and the next day baptized by Elder Thomas Dupree. Shortly after this he was impressed with the belief that God had called him to the important work of the ministry. His services being approved by the brethren was on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Dec 1821 set apart by the church for ordination, and on that day ordained by Elder Thomas Dupree and Lewis Caudle and soon after was called by the unanimous vote of the church at the Meadow to take the pastoral care of the same and acceded to the call, and it may be said in truth of him that he served the chrch in that capacity faithfully and staisfactorily to the day of his death.

On the fourth Sunday in Sept 1822 Catharine W. Bynum wife of said deceased upon her confession of faith in Christ was received by the church and baptized by her husband. Thus we find in this couple a family devoted to the service of God in early life. The oneness of mind that ever existed between them, both temporally and spiritually knit them so firmly together in love that death could only separate them.

Elder Bynum was remarkably industrious in filling the several Stations to which he was called during his ministerial career instant in Season filling his appointments when not providentially prevented, and in discipline he had but few equals: he had the pastoral care of several churches at the time of his death. And for several years he was chosen Moderator of the Contentnea Baptist Association, and filled that Sacred office with honor to himself and to the association. His manner of address was of a bold and decisive character yet persuasive in argument ever making it maifest both publicly and privately that he was an uncompromising enemy to every false way.

J. R. Croom

Wedding Announcements From Zion's Landmark

- Married June 10, 1910, Mr. Gilbert W. Clark to Miss Bessie B. Gold in Wilson, N. C. by P. D. Gold. (7-1-1910)
- Edward Stone and Anne Redmond were married Sept. 10, 1900 at the Bride's home in Tarboro, N. C., by Elder A. L. Harrison. (10-15-1910)
- Savanah Davis of Rocky Mount, N. C. reported that she was married in 1898. (11-1-1910)
- Mr. Oscar Farmer and Miss Mary Woodliff were married Dec. 25, 1910 at residence of George Howard in Wilson County, N. C. by P. D. Gold. (1-1-1911)
- Mr. William Bruce Harper and Miss Margaret Ellen Brake were married Oct. 26, 1910 at Jesse Brake's house in Edgecombe Co., N. C. by P. D. Gold. (12-15-1910)
- Mr. J. H. Thorne and Miss Pattie Norris were married Feb. 15, 1911 at Farmville, N. C. by Elder H. E. Tripp. (3-15-1911)

Submitted by M. W. Moore

ELIZABETH WELLS WILL 1809

In the name of God, Amen. I, Elizabeth Wells, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being of sound and perfect mind and memory, blessed be God, do this the 27th day of November one thousand eight hundred and nine

Item: I give and bequeath to my son, Jeremiah Wells, my sorrell colt that belongs now with the mare. Likewise, it is my will and desire for him to hav all my cattle and hogs and sheep and corn.

Item: It is my will and desire for all my cotten to be equally divided between my son, Jeremiah Wells, and my daughter, Martha Daughtridge, and I hereby make and ordain my worthy son, Jeremiah Wells, executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I the said Elizabeth Wells hav to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal, the day and year above written.

Elizabeth Wells (Seal)

Signed, sealed and published and declared by the said Elizabeth Wells the testator to her last will and testament. In the presence of us who were present at the time of signing and sealing thereof:

Samuel L. Lamkin
Thomas Pope

Submitted by: Janice C. Sharpe (copied as closely as possible)

WILL OF JOHN WELLS 1845

In the name of God, Amen. I, John Wells, of the County of Nash and State of North Carolina, being in good health and of mind and memory, blessed be to God for his kind mercy make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in this manner and form as following, first revoking all wills heretofore made by me and for my executor hereafter named and for what estate it hath pleased God to bless me with, I give as followeth viz:

Item: All the property that I have heretofore given to my son, Elijah Wells and have put in his possession including moneys I give to him and his heirs forever, I therefore give him no more.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Mittildia B. Joiner, four hundred dollars besides what I have heretofore given to her and to her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Salley Poulen, one negro boy by the name of Jacob and all the property I have heretofore put in her possession to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter, Polley Young, the lands and plantations whereon she now lives, the Moss land lying in Nash and Edgecombe Countys say 144 acres be the same more or less to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my daughter, Temperance Braswell, four hundred dollars to her and her heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto six of my grandchildren by the names of Mitilda Lee, William Lee, Berry Lee, Emly Lee, Polley Lee and Jerimiah Lee as follows: Jerimiah is to have at his age of twenty one years old two tracts or parcels of land lying in the County of Nash and Edgecombe known by the name of the Mary and Daughtry this tract has 52 acres and the other 100

whereof Joe Lee has the same more or less and the other named 5 children above, I give and bequeath two hundred and fifty dollars to provided they shall be any of them to die before getting in possession of the land or money, its part is to be equally divided amont the surviving parties, to the forever.

Item: I lend the two tracts of land above given to Jerimiah Lee from this time to his father, Joseph Lee, by his paying the taxes yearly until Jerimia Lee arrives to the age of twenty one provided the said Joseph Lee shall live to that age and provided that Jerry dies before one and twenty and his father lives till that time, he is to have the use of the said 152 acres up to that time and not longer.

Item: I give and bequeath to my granddaughter above named Miltida Lee one feather bed stead and furniture and flax wheel that is now in the care of her father, Joseph Lee, to her forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto one more of my grandsons say Willie S. Wells three tracts or parcels of lands all in Nash County say 182-1/4 acres be the same more or less, 100 of it known as the Crowell tracts and 8 acres is called the Joiner land on the county line and the 74-1/4 acres is joining Andrew J. Williams part of the home tracts surrounded by E. L. Curl and one negro girl by the name of Milberry, one grey mare bridle and saddle and one shot gun to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give unto Dennish Wells, one tract of land in the grant called the E. E. Flood land bought from his heirs say 133-1/2 acres be the same more or less in Nash County to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Joel Wells one negro boy Tone and what I have heretofore given unto him to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my beloved son Hanseal Wells one negro man by the name of Cane and all the rest of the property that I have heretofore given to him to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give unto my beloved son John Wells the balance of the house tract after taking out Willie S. Wells 74-1/4 acres as above named and all the residue of my lands that is not heretofore named including my houses whereon I live about three hundred ninety four acres and 1/4 be the same more or less bounded by the grants and deeds, one negro woman and child, Isaac, the woman is named Milberry, one still and worm, one feather bed sted and furniture an all the residue of the property that I have put in his possession and given of to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I leave for all the balance of my negroes not named in my will, stock notes, or money and all the residue of the perishable estate not given away that may be found on hand to be sold on a credit of six months and the surplus part that may be on hand, if any, to be equally divided between 5 of my children to wit: Salley Poulen, Polley Young, Hanseal Wells, Joel Wells and John Wells, the sale is to be made by my executor hereafter named.

Item: I do hereby nominate and appoint my beloved son Joel Wells executor to this my last will and testament. Given under my hand and seal this the 31st day of 1845 signed in the presence of us

John Wells (Seal)

Josiah Vick
Drewry Joiner

State of North Carolina, court of pleas and quarter session
Nash County. Feby Term 1847

The foregoing paper writing purporting to be the last will and testament of John Wells deceased is offered for probate and duly proven in open court on oath by Drewry Joiner one of the subscribing witnesses thereto and is ordered to be recorded. and is recorded.

Attest F. M. Taylor, C.C.C.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN WELLS (PER HIS WILL)

John Wells b. ? d. 1845-47 md.?

Children:

1. Elijah Wells
2. Mittilda B. Wells md. a Joiner
3. Salley Wells md John Poulon
4. Polly Wells b. abt. 1802 md. John Young
5. Dennish (Dennis) Wells b. abt 1815
6. Joel Wells
7. Hanseal Wells b. abt. 1795 md. 20 apr 1825 Cynthia Viverette
8. John Wells b. abt. 1802 d. abt. 1859 md. 28 Apr 1842 Penny Cobb
9. Temperance Wells md. Calvin Braswell on 10 Jul 1832
10. Winifred? Winny? Wells md. a Joseph Leigh (Lee)

Inventory of John Wellls was held by Joel Wells on 2 MAR 1847, May Term 1847. Willia L. Wells, John Wells, Hansel Wells, and Willie Wells were buyers.

Account Current Feb. Term 1849 showed legacies being paid to: Calvin D. Braswell, Heirs of Joseph Leigh (Lee) and Bennett Joiner (Joyner).

Submitted by: Janice C. Sharpe (copied as closely as possible).

Abstract of the Obituary of Gen. Joshua Barnes

Published in Zion's Landmark, Vol. 24, No. 3, Dec. 15, 1890

A great benefactor as well as a special friend of so many individuals died in the 78th year of his age on the 13th day of October, 1890, at the residence of his son in law, Mr. A. Branch. He was the youngest of ten children of Jesse Barnes, Sr. and his last wife, Miss Edith Daniel. Only one survived him: Mr. Wm. Barnes, his next older brother.

Born in Edgecombe County, now Wilson County, on the farm now owned by Mr. Silas Lucas, one mile from the town of Wilson on June 13, 1813.

At the age of 27, he made his first appearance in public life, being by the militia regements of Northampton, Edgecombe, Nash and others elected Brig. General.

Married May 16, 1843 to Matilda Bynum, daughter of Turner and Nancy Bynum, a sister of Robert Bynum (Col. in one of Gen. Barnes' Regements).

First child was Nanny, Mrs. A. Branch, and a son, Louis Dicken Wilson Barnes.

Elected in 1842, 1844, 1850, and 1854 to the State House of

Representatives. Elected to the State Senate after the war.

In 1873, he suffered a stroke and went to Atlanta Surgical Institution and was able to walk with a brace on his left leg.

About 14 years ago, he was Baptized at Toisnot Bridge by Elder P. D. Gold and Elder Wm. Woodard and colored janitor, Dick Pender.

Mrs. Barnes died on Dec. 5, 1883.

Reported by R. J. Taylor
Wilson, N. C.
Dec. 5, 1890

(Copied at N. C. Dept. of Archives & History by M.W. Moore, Feb. 1972)

Note: A. Branch, above, is Alpheus Branch, founder of BB&T.

GENEALOGICAL ABSTRACTS FROM ZION'S LAND-MARK

C. W. Davis. Born June 10, 1834 - Died Aug. 24, 1900. Married S. E. East (after Civil War). Served in Civil War. Joined Town Creek Primitive Baptist Church the first Sunday in April, 1889. Leaves 2 daughters and 1 son. Reported by A. B. Philpot by request of his daughter. (1-1-1901)

Nancy Oneals. Died Nov. 18, 1900 near Pleasant Hill Meeting House. Daughter of Redin and Charlot Vick. Mother of 2 daughters and 4 sons. Joined church at Tarboro, N. C. about 1880. Reported by H. G. Worsley. (1-1-1901)

Sarah Ann Cox. Born March 25, 1828 - Died Dec. 28, 1898. Married Josiah Cox. Joined Hancock's Primitive Baptist Church of Pitt Co., N. C. Reported by her Granddaughter, Mrs. W. A. Bright of Greenville, N. C. (1-1-1901)

John M. Mewborn. Born July 25, 1854 - Died Aug. 28, 1900. Married Jan. 21, 1874 to Barbara Fields. Eldest son of Joshua and Winneford Mewborn. Father of 4 sons and 6 daughters. Joined church second Sunday in Dec., 1881, and was ordained a Deacon the second Sunday in July, 1886. Reported by Elder T. B. Lancaster and L. J. H. Mewborn, Jason, N. C. (1-15-1901)

Emma Peace. Died Sept. 17, 1900 near Huntsville, Texas at age 54. Daughter of N. E. Cannady of Granville Co., N. C. and sister of Elder I. G. Cannady. Married W. J. Peace. Lived in Winston, N. C., Granville Co., N. C. Moved to Edgecombe Co. in 1893, then to Texas in 1897. Mother of 4 sons and 2 daughters. One son was named Ira. Reported by her cousin, Bettie Green.

George Rufus Weaver. Born Oct. 16, 1859 - Died May 11, 1901. Husband of Annie Weaver. Joined Falls of Tar River Church second Sunday in Nov. 1894. Reported by Mattie Luper, Sharpsburg, N. C. (12-15-1902)

Sarah Elizabeth Weaver. Born July 22, 1881 - Died May 10, 1901. Oldest daughter of George Rufus and Annie Weaver. Reported by Mattie Luper, Sharpsburg, N. C. (12-15-1902)

Madie Lee Weaver. Died May 12, 1901. Baby daughter of George Rufus and Annie Weaver. Reported by Mattie Luper, Sharpsburg, N. C. (12-15-1902)

Lessie May Weaver. Born Sept. 17, 1895 - Died June 2, 1901. Daughter of George Rufus and Annie Weaver. Reported by Mattie Luper, Sharpsburg, N. C. (12-15-1902)

Maggie Bell Luper. Born March 6, 1883 - Died Sept. 29,

1902. Married Dec. 4, 1901 to John Luper. Sister of Annie Weaver. Reported by Mattie Luper, Sharpsburg, N. C. (12-15-1902)

Penelope C. Vick. Born May 28, 1838 in Edgecombe Co., N. C. - Died July 23, 1902 in Edgecombe Co.; buried at Williams Meeting House in Edgecombe Co., N. C. Married in 1874 to W. W. Vick. Mother of 2 daughters. Reported by W. W. Vick. (12-15-1902)

Mrs. Landania Bass. Born Aug. 2, 1857 - Died July 25, 1904. Married first to Gilbert Weaver. One son, W. C. Weaver. Married second to Isaac Bass. Three sons and two daughters surviving. Daughter of Joseph and Neviney Petway. Reported by J. J. Thorn, Elm City, N. C. (12-15-1904)

Arrena Ginn Harrison. Born Oct. 18, 1871 - Died April 24, 1910. Married Dec. 24, 1887 to Nathan Harrison. Daughter of Dawson and Nancy Ginn. One surviving son. Reported by her friend, Eugene Mewborn of Snow Hill, N. C. (8-15-1910)

Mrs. J. R. Hardy. Born June 27, 1841 - Died March 3, 1910. Married Dec. 6, 1865 to J. R. Hardy. Oldest daughter of Richard and Penny Boyd. Member of Tarboro, N. C. Primitive Baptist Church. Buried at Bethel, N. C. Reported by her daughter, Lucy Warren. (9-1-1910)

Emily Smith. Born March 30, 1847, near Farmville, Pitt Co., N. C. - Died March 25, 1910 at Middlesex, N. C. Buried in Ayden, N. C. Married Jan. 7, 1869 to Thos. Smith. Survived by her husband, two sons and three daughters. Joined Galaways Primitive Baptist Church in June, 1881. Joined Great Swamp Primitive Baptist Church in June 1888. Reported by Lena Harrington. (9-15-1910)

Sidda A. Hewitt. Born February 21, 1860 - Died April 26, 1910. Daughter of John C. Hewitt and Sarah Hewitt. Joined White Oak Primitive Baptist Church in Johnston Co., N. C. in October 1891 or October 1901. Lived at Trenton, N. C. and High Point, N. C. with her sister, Brancy. Reported by her sister, Mary S. Milly, and her cousin Susan Higgins of Maysville, N. C. (9-15-1910) Susan Higgins was the daughter of Job Smith. Survived by 5 brothers and 3 sisters. (10-1-1910)

Lillie Gardner. Born Sept. 15, 1899 - Died Aug. 22, 1909. Daughter of Wiley and Patience Gardner. Reported by a friend, Benjamin Renfrow of Wilson, N. C. (10-1-1910)

Mrs. Willie Pope. Born July 2, 1850 - Died March 10, 1910. Member of Lower Black Creek and later, Memorial Church. Reported by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. G. Pope. (10-15-1910)

Mrs. Sarah Turlington. Born Aug. 23, 1837 near Benson, N. C. - Died Aug. 5, 1910. Married Dec. 22, 1854 to Eli Turlington (he died March 28, 1887). Second daughter of James G. and Sarah Woodard. Mother of 10 children; 8 sons and 2 daughters. Two sons preceded her to the grave; Dr. Willis E. Turlington in Sept. 1899 and Mr. Jefferson D. Turlington in May 1900. Those surviving are James G. Turlington of Benson, N. C., Prof. Ira T. Turlington of Smithfield, N. C., Mr. Randall A. Turlington, a druggist of Wilson, N. C., and Atty. Zeb. V. Turlington of Mooresville, N. C., and Mrs. Ellen Denning and Mrs. Tabitha Morgan of Benson, N. C. Two sisters, Mrs. Ellinor Woodard of Wilson, N. C. and Mrs. Martha Lassiter of near Smithfield, N. C. Buried in Turlington family graveyard.

Reported by Emma Gilbert. (11-1-1910)

Mrs. Nancy Wells. Born Sept. 2, 1890 - Died Oct. 17, 1909. Daughter of Charles and Polly Winborne. Married to Augustian Wells. Joined Contentnea Baptist Church in Nov. 1907. Reported by Aquilla F. Mercer. (11-15-1910)

Mack Brantley. Born June 18, 1832 in Nash Co., N. C. - Died Aug. 25, 1910. Joined Primitive Baptist Church at Sandy Grove in July 1880. Land Surveyor and Postmaster in Spring Hope, N. C. Buried in family burial ground at his old home place in Stanhope, N. C. Reported by his daughter, Mattie Brantley. (11-15-1910)

William Jackson Bramlett. Died July 18, 1910. Married June 19, 1909 to Mrs. Alice Baker Burris. Attended Eastman's Business College in Poukeepsie, N. Y. after which he returned to his home in Bishopville, S. C. Buried in Bethlehem Cemetery near Bishopville, S. C. Joined Whitakers, N. C. Primitive Baptist Church. Reported by R. H. Pittman. (12-1-1910 - 1-15-1910)

Mrs. Ada C. Robertson. Born March 9, 1875 in Pitt Co., N. C. - Died Sept. 10, 1910 in Robersonville, N. C. Married Dec. 7, 1890 to J. L. Robertson. Daughter of Samuel and Nancy Moore. Joined Flat Swamp in July 1908 and later was a member of the church at Robersonville. Reported by M. T. Lawrence, Hamilton, N. C. (12-15-1910)

Jos. E. Adams. Born Jan. 11, 1834 in Cumberland Co., N. C. (now Harnett) - Died, but was still living at time of letter. Son of Joseph Adams. Attended Pleasant Grove Academy in Johnston Co., N. C. Taught school in Johnston Co., N. C. Joined Confederacy in May, 1867 [sic.]. Mother's parents were named Johnson. Ordained a Primitive Baptist Minister on Aug. 3, 1873. (2-15-1911)

Mary Louise Ellen. Born Aug. 16, 1908 - Died Dec. 12, 1910. Daughter of Samuel F. and Celia F. Ellen. Reported by her mother, Celia Ellen, Rocky Mount, N. C. (2-15-1911)

Lou Ellen Tedder. Born Aug. 14, 1882 in Wilson Co., N. C. - Died May 10, 1910. Wife of Joseph Tedder. Member of Scotts Primitive Baptist Church in Wilson Co., N. C. (2-15-1911)

Eva Cleveland Coker. Born Oct. 5, 1884 - Died Sept. 3, 1910. Married Feb. 8, 1904 to Redden Coker (son of C. D. Coker) near Tarboro, N. C. by P. D. Gold. Daughter of Mack Brown of Tarboro, N. C. Mother of one son and one daughter. One twin sister, Mrs. G. W. Griffin of Pinetops, N. C. Buried at Mackindree Cemetery. Reported by her sister-in-law, Emily Sessoms, Tarboro, N. C. (3-15-1911)

J. R. Vick. Born June 15, 1860 - Died Nov. 27, 1910. Joined Hopeland Primitive Baptist Church at Whitakers, N. C. in July 1903. Survived by his wife, four brothers, and one sister. Reported by his brother, E. L. Vick, Spring Hope, N. C. (3-15-1911)

Sallie M. Clark. Married to N. G. Jones, Sr. She was sister of Edwin Clark of Wilson, N. C. N. G. Jones was a member of Behtany Primitive Baptist Church near Wadesboro, N. C. Lived at Carson's Old Field. Reported by Grandson, J. W. Jones. (6-15-1895)

Entries selected for local interest from materials submitted by M. W. Moore

REQUEST FOR DISCHARGE

Wilson, N. C. 8 August 1861

You will find enclosed a Certificate from the Consiel at Charlston S. C. asking a release from Service in our army of one W. H. Hayman who hastily volentear'd into the war with Capt. Goddin.

He has been a Citizen of Wilson about 12 months has a wife and 5 children depending entirely on him for Support which he can do by remaining with them & working at his trade (Painter).

Will you do us the favour to forward his discharge and oblge.

To his Exclency

Henry T. Clark

Yours,

J. D. Rountree

J. W. Lancaster

A. Barnes

Sam^l Marshburn

W. W. Winstead

Edmund Moore

T. C. Davis

J. J. Thomas

C. H. Hooper

B. Brown Williams

S. Fountain

J. T. Barnes

On reverse: Petition from Wilson Co. asking release of Mr. Hayman from the army.

Source: Governors Papers. Henry T. Clark. August 1861. G. P. 153.

(Wilson Co., N. C. Federal Census of 1860, abstracted by Joan L. Howell and edited by Joan L. Howell and Reese Ferrell: Page 45. William Hayman, age 40, Painter, born in England; Eliza Hayman, age 42; Anna Hayman, age 10; William F. Hayman, age 7; Eliza Hayman, age 5; Alfred J. Hayman, age 2, born in N. J.; Emily Hayman, age 4, born in England.)



PETITIONS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PARDONS-WILSON CO., N. C.

The Civil War pardon afflications for North Carolina residents are on file at the North Carolina State Archives and consist of negative photostatic copies of the originals which are on file at the National Archives. The files are arranged first by county and then alphabetically by applicants last name. The files contain correspondence, affidavits, cetifications, etc. relating to the individual petitioner and his reason for the application (i. e. what class of exemption). For North Carolina, there are over 2,000 such individual applications. Among the petitioners represented are various high ranking military officers, some 500 persons whose personal property evaluation exceeded \$20,000, and more than 800 post masters, tax assessors, and tax collectors. Listed below are the names of people from Wilson, N. C.

Edwin Barnes--Propert Exemption

Elisha Barnes--Tax Assessor

James D. Barnes--Property Exemption

Joshua Barnes--Property Exemption

William Barnes, Jr.--Property Exemption

Robert Bynum--Property Exemption

Edwin G. Clark--Post Master at Wilson

Robert M. Cox--Post Master at Black Creek

John Farmer--Property Exemption

Larry D. Farmer--Tax Assessor

W^m D. Farmer--P. Master-Joyners Depot

Zeno H. Greene--Property Exemption

Henry King--Tax Collector

J. J. Lutts--Left a Loyal State [Maryland]

William H. McRary--Property Exemption

Macon Moye--Property Exemption

Larry Newsom--Property Exemption

Willie D. Rountree--Tithe Ag^t, Prop. Exemption

Benjamin M. Selby--Receiver, Prop. Exemption

Wilie Simms--Property Exemption

James J. Taylor--Property Exemption

Source: North Carolina Petitions for Presidential Pardon, 1865-1868 (An Index), by Russell S. Koonts.

Grandma's Climbing the Family Tree

There's been a change in Grandma, we've noticed as of late.
She's always reading history, or jotting down some date.
She's tracing back the family, we'll all have pedigrees.
Grandma's got a hobby, she's climbing family trees.

Poor Grandpa does the cooking, and now, or so he states,
he even has to wash the cups and dinner plates.
Well, Grandma can't be bothered, she's busy as a bee,
compiling genealogy for the family tree.

She has not time to baby-sit, the curtains are a fright.
No buttons left on Grandpa's shirts, the flower bed's a sight.
She's given up her club work, the serials on TV,
the only thing she does nowadays is to climb that family tree.

The mail is all for Grandma, it comes from near and far.
Last week she got the proof she needs to join the DAR.
A monumental project - to that we all agree,
a worthwhile avocation - to climb the family tree.

She wanders through the graveyard in search of date and name,
the rich, the poor, the in-between, all sleeping there the same.
She pauses now and then to rest, fanned by a gentle breeze,
that blows above the fathers of all our family trees.

Now some folks come from Scotland, some from Galway Bay,
some were French as pastry, some German all the way.
Some went west to stake their claims, some stayed by the sea,
Grandma hopes to find them all as she climbs the family tree.

There were pioneers and patriots mixed with our kith and kin,
who blazed the paths of wilderness and fought through thick and thin,
but none more staunch than Grandma, whose eyes light up with
glee,
each time she finds a missing branch for the family tree.

Their skills were wide and varied from carpenter to cook,
and one, alas, the records show, was hopelessly a crook.
Blacksmith, farmer, weaver, judge, some tutored for a fee,
once lost in time, now all recorded on the family tree.

To some it's just a hobby, to Grandma it's much more.
She learns the joys and heartaches of those who went before.
They loved, they lost, they laughed, they wept - and now for you
and me,
they live again in spirit around the family tree.

At last she's nearly finished, and we are each exposed.
Life will be the same again, this we all suppose.
Grandma will cook and sew, serve crullers with our tea.
We'll have her back, just as before that wretched family tree.

Sad to relate, the Preacher called and visited for a spell.
We talked about the Gospel and other things as well.

The heathen folk, the poor, and then - 'twas fate, it had to be,
somehow the conversation turned to Grandma and the family tree.

We tired to change the subject, we talked of everything,
but then in Grandma's voice, we heard that old familiar ring.
She told him all about the past, and soon 'twas plain to see,
the Preacher, too, was neatly snared by Grandma and the family
tree.

by Virginia Day McDonald, Macon, GA
submitted by Horace Peele, San Antonio, TX

MINUTES & TREASURER'S REPORT

The minutes of the meeting of May 28, 1996 and the treasurer's report for June - August were scheduled to appear in this newsletter. Due to a prolonged power outage caused by Hurricane Fran it has not been possible to complete these. They will be given verbally at the meeting on September 24.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

According to the WCGS By-Laws, nominations for officers for the coming calendar year are to be presented in the September issue of the newsletter. Further nominations are invited at the September meeting. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

Nominees are as follows: All have agreed to their nomination.

President - Henry Powell

Vice President - Deborah Mitchell

Secretary-Treasurer - Sue Powell

Director (3-year term) - Carol Forbes

(Grace Turner's term ends this year)

A proxy form will be included in the October newsletter and our out-of-area members are urged to vote

ELISHA ELLIS FAMILY BIBLE

(The Testament, Lunenburg, Massachusetts, 1827, was copied by Hugh B. Johnston, Jr.)

Children of Elisha and Temperance Ellis of lower Edgecombe County.

Children

1. Ira G. Ellis was born on December 11, 1816.
2. Alfred J. Ellis was born on December 16, 1818.
3. Mary J. N. Ellis was born on January 16, 1824.
4. Robert Alfred Ellis was born on April 17, 1830.
5. Martha Ann H. Ellis was born on September 4, 1834.
6. Jackey Ann Della Ellis was born on December 28, 1838.

Source: *Bible Records of Early Edgecombe County, North Carolina* (Williams & Griffin)

Trees of Wilson

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WCGS Publications Order Form

Qty
Wanted

Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1860.....	\$25.00
(includes all six schedules; every name index; 221 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, May 1993)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Census of 1870.....	\$25.00
(includes all five schedules; every name index; 390 pages; Perfect binding; abstracted by Joan L. Howell, edited by Reese Ferrell and Joan L. Howell, March 1994)	
Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume I.....	\$25.00
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Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume II.....	\$25.00
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Wilson County, North Carolina, Cemeteries Volume III.....	\$25.00
(121 cemeteries; 8,000+ tombstone inscriptions; 350 pages; Perfect binding; compiled by Joan L. Howell, edited by Sue Evans Powell and Joan L. Howell, March 1995)	

Advance Publication Notice: Cemeteries Volume IV and Cemeteries Volume V are now in preparation. Advance reservations may be placed for shipment and billing upon release. Do not send payment now.

Wilson County Connections: a gedcom file for computer genealogy programs (PAF, Brother's Keeper, Kith & Kin, others) of over 8500 Wilson County individuals from the earliest settlers, all linked by birth or marriage. \$10.00

Total of publications ordered.....	\$	_____
Sales tax @ 6% for NC residents.....	\$	_____
Postage and handling @ \$2.50 per item.....	\$	_____
Membership/Subscription WCGS/Trees of Wilson @\$15.....	\$	_____
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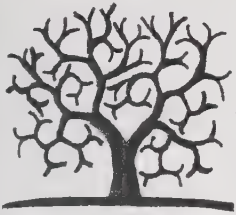
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TREES OF WILSON

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Our membership continues to grow and we look forward to the day when we reach 200 when the mailing costs can be reduced with a non-profit mailing permit and the newsletter size increased with the savings.

President's Message

October marks the beginning of our annual renewal period. A new member joining at

this point gets a bonus of the remaining '96 issues as well as all of the '97 issues. Please urge friends and fellow genealogists who might benefit to take advantage of this. We will be sending out statements to current members in a few weeks. Please help us by renewing and by doing so promptly. Members who have not renewed by the end of January will be removed from the newsletter subscription list.

Each year a few busy souls reenroll months late, missing several issues (back issues are \$2.50 each). A few members move and fail to let us know. Please help us to help you. Send your address changes to the PO Box shown on page two in the Trees box or call the telephone number listed. We'll do our best to keep you in touch.

Henry Powell

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October 22 Meeting

Are Your Ancestors from Wales?

If your family tree has Davis, Davies, Jones, Howell, Lloyd, Cloyd, Powell, Price, Evans, Jenkins and other Welsh names then you might be one of the last remaining Celtic relics in the world:

Join us as we explore the least known member of Great Britain - a country separate and apart from England, Scotland and Ireland with a rich heritage ... and millions of American descendents.

The presentation will include language, geography, history, surnames, inheritance practices and emigration to the Colonies. Sue and Henry Powell will describe these topics and some of the challenges involved in tracing your Welsh ancestors, based on their trip there in the past summer.

There will be some slides to see and a information handout for future reference along with a question and answer time.



The country of Wales has been part of Britain since the 1300s and, together with England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, make up the Kingdom of Great Britain. Wales is about the same size as West Virginia.

Nominees selected

Nominees for 1997 officers of WCGS were presented at the September meeting

- President: Henry Powell
- Vice Preident: Deborah Mitchell
- Secretary/Treasurer: Sue E. Powell
- Director: Carol Forbes

The slate of nominees was accepted without further nominations from the floor upon a motion, a second and a vote. A vote on the slate will be taken at the October meeting. Out-of-area members are urged to vote by proxy. A form is available on page ten which may be photocopied if you wish to preserve your copy of the newsletter. You may assign your proxy to any member who plans to attend the October meeting.

Members

New this month ...

Margaret Garner Eichman, 1244 W. Crescent Ave., Redlands, CA 92373-6539. Tel: 909-792-8847. Dilda (Dilda), Howard, May.

Terri Menzel, 2702 Canal Dr., Wilson, NC 27896. Tel: 237-1004. Hubbard, Lanaghan (Lenaghan), Menzel, Hamrock.

Jewel Ozbirn, 1514 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72143. Tel: 501-268-2358. Howell, Sugg, Bilbary, Bonner.

Marie & Dick Williamson, 5356 Wiggins Mill Road, Lucama, NC 27851. Tel: 919-239-1010. Barnes, Peele, Williamson.

Changes ...

Leon T. Ward, 542 Obispo Ave., Orlando, FL 32807-1628. (zip code correction).

Statistics:

1996 members	105
1997 members	13
(new & renewals)	
Newsletters, last issue	106
(-family members, + complimentary)	

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Materials of interest to the members of WCGS are accepted for publication at the discretion of the Publications Committee and should pertain to families with connections in Wilson County and its neighboring and parent counties.

Queries are accepted and printed without charge from WCGS members; non-members should enclose a check for \$2 for each query submitted. All queries should include full name(s), dates and geographic location, if known, of the person(s) for whom you seek information.

Officers:

- President: Henry Powell
- Vice President: Deborah Mitchell
- Secretary/Treasurer: Sue Powell
- Board Members: Paul Darden, Lenore Smith, Grace Turner

Query

Will pay \$100 reward for documented evidence of burial site of my great-great grandfather, Joseph Little Petway or Pette-way. He was married to Melvina Williams, daughter of John Gray Williams.

He died at Fort Monroe, VA on May 9th, 1862 after being wounded at the battle of Williamsburg on May 5th 1862. Send information to: **Almyria Webb Berry** (member since 1996), 1040 Big Bethel Rd., Hampton, VA 23666. Tel: 804-826-6301

Members' Comments

- I would like to express my delight over receiving the *Wilson County Connections* disk. Numerous links were found and one very important one (family of Keziah Batts). **Mark Whitley**, St. Pauls NC. (Ed. Note: much of the Batts material came from member Pam Greene, Portage, MI)
- *Trees of Wilson* is interesting and helpful. **Priscilla Davis**, Brunswick, ME



Family connections

Questions, answers and information from the Wilson County Genealogical Society

Davis, Mercer, Deans ask about ancestors

More on the Cromwell family of Edgecombe County. An earlier query asked if daughters of Oliver Cromwell, Lord Protector of England in the mid-1600s, came to the Colonies and settled in Edgecombe County. Our earlier reply stated that there was no evidence that this happened. However, we recently visited the home of Oliver Cromwell in Ely, Cambridgeshire, England, and discussed this with a staff member there. She provided firm evidence that the Cromwell daughters lived, married, died and were buried in England, the youngest two in St. Nicholas Church in Chiswick in west London. Our earlier answer still stands. The Cromwells of Edgecombe County still appear to be distant cousins of the Lord Protector's family but are not descendants.

Question: I would like to know more about the Davis family of Old Fields Township (Rock Ridge area). My father was Moses Davis (1874-1947) and my grandfather was James Davis (ca. 1819-1888). Is this family connected with other Davis families in the same area?

B.H., Bailey

Answer: Our records show these individuals in the census records, and we have a Davis cemetery record which matches your data. James Davis is the oldest burial recorded there. Unfortunately, we have no other information at hand to connect your line with the other local Davis families. There were two unrelated families, both headed by a John Davis, who came to Virginia in the 1600s. One family came to the Wilson area via Northhampton County, while the other came directly from Isle of Wright County. Therefore it is possible that your family may not be related to other Davis families in your Old Fields Township area. However, we will do further work on this and print more information as it becomes available. Readers are invited to share anything they might have of interest as well.

Davis is a very abundant old family name in England, Wales and in the United States. One of our two immigrant families may have come from Wales with the original family name of "Davies," derived from St. David, the patron saint of Wales. This family was thought to be Quaker. The other immigrant family was probably of English origin, perhaps from Bristol where they were noted ship captains, and may have been Puritans who were identified most closely with early Baptist churches which were the southern form of that New England faith.

Either family would have been subject to religious persecution under the Colonial government in Virginia as the Church of England was the official established denomination and no variations

were allowed.

Many of our Wilson area ancestors came to this area to avoid penalties and the lack of freedom to worship as they pleased.

Question: My mother was a Deans. There seem to be a lot of people around here with that name. What can you tell me about them?

J.R., Lucama

Answer: The Deans family settled in the Wilson County area in the early 1800s and lived in the vicinity of Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church, near Rock Ridge. They were a large family, and nearly all worked the land. Later generations divided into farming and professional careers. Some descendants moved to the Lucama/Kenly area. A complete chart of Deans descendants shows intermarriage with nearly every early Wilson County family, including Boykin, Williamson, Joyner, Thomas, Barnes, Etheridge, Boswell, Scott, Sharpe, Fulghum, Flowers, Davis, Creech and even other Deans.

Questions: What can you tell us about the early settler, Eli Mercer?

R.M., Wilson

Answer: Mercers were among the earliest settlers in Virginia and later in the Wilson County area. Eli and Beth Sheba Mercer were living in what was then Nash County just north of Contentnea Creek on present N.C. 42 when their son, John, was born in 1798. John's descendants later settled between Lucama and Black Creek where many Mercers still live. John's grandson, Wiley, became quite well off, leaving nearly \$12,000 to be divided between his four daughters (that's several hundred thousand dollars in today's money). One local history book records a Black Creek area Mercer family with 22 children between two wives.

A chart of Mercer descendants shows marriages with Tomlinson, Owens, Gardner, Ellis and many other early Wilson area families.

The Wilson County Genealogical Society meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July, August and December) at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Public Library. Membership is open to anyone interested in family history. Each meeting features a program on some aspect of local families. We can help with inquiries and offer assistance in the Genealogy Room at the Public Library on some Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Write WCGS at P.O. Box 802, Wilson 27894 or call 237-1250 after 6 p.m. with queries which will be answered in this column.

Report prepared by Henry and Sue Powell

(This continues the series, begun in June 1996, of transcriptions from the Contentnea Baptist Association of biographies of prominent members. Original data submitted by Bobby Boykin, transcribed and abstracted by Sue Evans Powell)

(to be continued in future issues)

BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER JOHN SUGG SMITH

Elder Smith was born . . . November 5th 1808. He like many others in his youth was wild and rattling and contracted some bad habits became very fond of the fiddle and was apparently as much in his element when dancing after the fiddle as the next youth to be found; and while this was the case, he became a habitual profane swearer, for the writer of this Memoir, has heard him say that he thought that would be the hardest thing to quit of all the vices he was guilty of

To specify the precise time when he was arrested by the Spirit of the Lord we cannot; but know it was at an early period of his life. . . . He not long after this came forward to the church at Nahunta and was received to baptism and was baptized in July 1833. And not long after this he commenced exercising his gifts as a preacher and was very promising in the outset, and was directly so highly approved of, that the church not long, first called him to ordination after which he continued to preach and serve churches around him and was much beloved by the brethren in general that formed acquaintance with him. He was a very candid preacher and we believe everywhere by the brethren was believed to be orthodox, and we think we can safely say for his age in the ministry he was not excelled but by few.

But it was not the will of God that he should stand long on the walls of Zion. Sometime in the winter of 1850 after other afflictions, he had a tumor to come under one of his jaws which was the cause of a great deal of Suffering and which grew to a great size and it appeared that all remedies failed, though cut out by a doctor from the North and the wound healed up. Yet that or something that was attended with great suffering kept him down and gradually sinking; and after he had become much worn down occasionally (as might be expected) was sometimes fretful and not easy to suit; and it might be from that cause that his enemies said more than they would otherwise have said. But we know that they told falsehoods in saying of him, that he became convinced the doctrine he had preached was false, and that he should go to hell and suffer the greater damnation for his false preaching; together with tales of this like character all of which we pronounce to be false and without any foundation. As he lived to hear of some of those false reports he seemed to wish to be raised to rebut them himself but was not permitted.

A few weeks before he died the writer of this memoir asked him if his faith was strong in the doctrine of predestination and election as formerly and if he was raised up would he preach it as heretofore. And his reply was yes stronger if possible than ever. But his preaching was done and Saturday morning the 8th of February 1851 he died, we believe in the triumphs of faith and has been taken to that rest that remains for the people of God.

Original spelling, punctuation and language retained.

The Wilson County Genealogical Society held its meeting September 24, 1996, at the Wilson County Public Library with Henry Powell, president, presiding. There were twenty-two members and three guests present.

The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. No business was conducted at the June Social. The treasurer's report was given stating receipts of \$692.32, expenditures of \$889.21, and a balance on September 23, 1996 of \$2,193.87.

In old business, announcements were made regarding three projects. It has been determined that the price of the Wilson Connections diskette should be increased to \$10.00.

Photocopies have been made of Coleman, Culpepper, Dixon, Eason, English, Flowers, Peele, and Thomas family files from Hugh Johnston's records. Sets may be ordered from the society. Costs vary according to the number of pages.

Some time back J. Robert Boykin presented to WCGS an index merging individual indexes of collections of Hugh Buckner Johnston's "Looking Backward" newspaper articles. At that time, it was not clear what would be the best way to make this work available for use. The board feels that the index is invaluable where there is a collection of the newspaper articles, and with this in mind will prepare two bound copies, one to be presented to Wilson County Public Library and the other to the State Library/Archives.

New business:

Lenore Smith presented the report of the nominating committee:

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| President: | Henry Powell |
| Vice-president | Deborah Mitchell |
| Secretary/Treasurer | Sue Powell |
| Board Member | Carol Forbes |

Nominations were requested from the floor. A motion was made by Rufus Swain, seconded by Carroll Arthur, to accept the slate of officers as presented. The motion passed. A proxy ballot will be included in the October newsletter, and the election will be conducted at the October meeting.

When WCGS was formed, application for non-profit status was requested and granted from the state of North Carolina; however federal non-profit status has not been obtained. Advice was sought from an attorney who is a member, George McCune in Salt Lake City, who has supplied us with the necessary form and procedure to make application for federal non-profit status. The cost is \$150.00 and our board has recommended that we proceed with the filing.

Advertisements have been prepared and submitted to NC Genealogical Society to be included in their quarterly journals. Two ads were prepared, one promoting membership in WCGS, the other promoting sale of our publications. Having submitted them at a time that NCGS was offering a special of a free ad publication, we requested that the ads be alternated and included in five issues.

Deborah Mitchell introduced Lu-Ann Munson, Historic Preservation Planner of the City of Wilson who spoke about Using Maps in Your Family History Research. She explained how one can use Deed Books, Estates Records, City Directories, Gray's and Sanborn Maps of Wilson, tax maps, platt book maps, United States Geological Survey Maps, and other local planning maps to place families in their neighborhoods.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Elijah MOORE m. Mary SESSUMS

Theophilus MOORE	Samuel MOORE	Exum MOORE	Martha Ann MOORE	Etheldred MOORE	Elijah MOORE	Zada Ann MOORE
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Theophilus MOORE m. Millie ROBBINS

Elizabeth MOORE	David MOORE	Stephen MOORE	Mary MOORE	Joab MOORE	Abraham MOORE	Isaac MOORE	Susannah MOORE	Milly MOORE	Theophilus MOORE
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Joab MOORE m. Martha PRICE

John W. MOORE	William W. MOORE	Jonas G. MOORE	Eli W. MOORE	Elbert T. MOORE	Sarah A. E. MOORE	Greenberry MOORE
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Katherine M. MOORE	Caswell MOORE	Emma E MOORE	Jesse A. MOORE	William R. MOORE	Henry H. MOORE	Mary D. MOORE
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Jesse Asbury MOORE m. Winnifred Sarah OWENS

James Jesse MOORE m.	Fannie Elizabeth MOORE m.	William Marsilas MOORE m.	Charlie Elbert MOORE m.
Beulah Benton SMITH	William Henry JONES	Sue Catherine COBB	Nan HEMBY

Andrew Paul MOORE m.	Corla Mary MOORE m.
Cora APPLEWHITE	Jesse Jackson CROOM

Fannie Elizabeth MOORE m. William Henry JONES

Mary Beatrus JONES	Henry Asbury JONES m.	Frances Ester JONES m.	William H JONES m.
	Elizabeth Lucille HARPER	Albert Ralph PAGE	Ila Cray EASON & Helen PASCHALL FARMER

CHILDREN OF ABOVE MARRIAGES

Vance Harper JONES	Albert Ray PAGE	William H JONES
William Donald JONES	Cherry PAGE	Patricia Ann JONES
	Karen Elizabeth PAGE	

Submitted by Albert Ray Page
(Ed. note: Professor Page of Salt Lake City has been a WCGS member since 1994)

WAYNE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
ROAD RECORD

Pursuant to an order of Court to us directed to regulate the working hands that work on the different roads north of Aycocks Swamp in Wayne County have met on the 23rd of September 1830 Beginning at Horns Bridge the road from thence to Nathaniel Moors, all the hands in the bounds beginning at s^d bridge along s^d road to Henry Horns land line W^m Horns line east of s^d road to the Hadleys road then all the hands between s^d road & Contentnea Creek to the Johnston County line We appoint Hardy Horn Jun^r overseer for said road, next the road from Hadleys Bridge to Nathaniel Moors, the bounds for said road all the hands between said road and Contentnea Creek & Henry Horns & William Horns land line to work on s^d road we appoint John Simms overseer over s^d road, next the road from William Horns lane to the Hadley road at Patience Hoods the boundrys for s^d road to begin at the head of the East prong of the long branch thence down s^d branch to the crossing place at Hanner Lamms thence between the lands of Isaac Lamms and James Rentfrow thence a strait course at the ford of the great Cabbin at John Giffords thence down s^d Branch to the mouth of the little Cabbin Branch thence up s^d Branch to s^d Road thence s^d road to the Road leading from Hadlies to Smithfield thence s^d Road to the Beginning - we appoint Soloman Pearson as overseer - Next the Road from Hadlies at Black creek Bridge district for s^d Road Beginning at Black creek Bridge thence s^d Road to Hadlies Bridge thence then a Smithfield road to the Quaker Road thence down s^d Road to the little Cabbin Branch thence down s^d Branch to the Great Cabbin thence up s^d Branch to the crossing place at John Giffords thence with the other District line to the Long Branch at Hannah Lamms thence down s^d Branch to Black Creek thence down the Creek to the Beginning Over sear Dempsey Deans, the next road from Black Creek Bridge to the fork of the road at Joseph Martins district for s^d road Beginning at Black Bridge thence up s^d Creek to the line between Turners Heirs & Hays Heirs to the Big path thence up s^d path to the new road near Reddick Barnes thence the new road to the great swamp thence down s^d swamp to the mouth of penright Swamp thence up s^d Swamp to the path from William Wootens to Joseph Martins thence along s^d road to the begining We appoint Rufus Daniel overseer, the next from Joseph Martins to Davis^s Mill District for s^d road begining at Joseph Martins along s^d road to the Gilbert branch thence down s^d branch to Jesse Mayos land corner & with his line to Aycock Swamp thence up s^d swamp to the Waynesborough road then with s^d road to the begining. We appoint Jesse Mayo Overseer, The road from Rountrees Bridge to Black Creek District for s^d road Beginning at Roundtrees Bridge thence up Contentnea Creek to Hadleys Bridge thence along the Waynesborough road to black Creek Bridge thence down black creek to s^d road thence along s^d road to the cross roads thence down the road leading to Woodard Daniels to Thomas Derdinos thence along the old road to Dickinsons Bridge thence up Contentnea Creek to the begining Robert Simms Overseer Next the Road from Black Creek at Ephraim Daniels to John Spencers District for s^d Road Beginning at Joseph Boswells thence up the Big path by Rufus Daniels Penright Swamp thence down s^d swamp to the great swamp thence up s^d swamp to the mouth of the Burnt Swamp thence up s^d swamp to the Head thence a direct course to the head of Aycocks Swamp thence down s^d swamp to s^d road thence s^d road to the begining William Wooten Continues Overseer; next road from the Hadley cross roads to Woodards Bridge on Contentnea District for s^d road Beginning at Black creek Bridge thence along s^d Road to the cross road thence with s^d new road to the old road at Thomas Durdenos thence with s^d road to Contentony Creek at Dickinsons old Bridge thence down s^d Creek to the mouth of Black Creek thence up s^d Creek to the Beginning Over sear Woodard Daniell Next Road from Thomas Horns to the great Branch at Charrity Barnes^s District for s^d road Begining at the head of the East prong of the long Branch thence down s^d Branch to black creek thence up s^d creek to the dwelling line of Turners Heirs & Hays Heirs lands to the Big path thence up the Big path by Reddick Barnes

to Hosea Basses lane thence to the head of Matthews Branch thence down s^d Branch to black creek thence up Black Creek to the County line thence s^d line to Nathaniel Moors thence down the Smithfield road to the fork at Isaac Woods thence the Hadley road to the Begining Elias Barnes Overseer. The Next Road from the great Branch at Charrity Barnes to Naughunty at the Widow Copelands District for s^d road Begining at Black Creek at the mouth of Matthews Branch thence up black Creek to the County line thence along s^d line to Lamuel Popes thence a strait line to Memorial meeting House thence a strait Course to the head of the Burnt Swamp thence down s^d swamp to the great swamp up s^d swamp to the new road thence s^d road to the great path near Reddick Barnes thence s^d path to Hosea Basses lane thence the way to Matthews Branch thence down s^d branch to the Begining Elisha Davis Overser
Given under our hands the Day and Date above written

J M Pearson
A. Bardin
Rufus Daniel
Hardy Horn
William Bass
John Davis
John Barnes
Jacob Barns
Jacob Hooks
Jacob Evans
Tho^s Tomlinson

Source: Wayne County, North Carolina Road Records. Alterations-Orders. No date, 1791-1907. C. R. 103.925.2.

Submitted by Grace Turner. Copied as closely as possible from original.

APPLICATION FOR SAVINGS ACCOUNT

#2452. Record for Violet Bryant. Date of Application Nov. 14, 1871. Born and raised at Wayne County, 2 miles above Spring Bank. Residence - in Edgecombe county, 10 miles from Joyner's. Age 56. Dark brown complexion, short and stout. Self-employed as a farmer. Husband , Richard Bryant, living, 80 years old. Children are Haywood Barnes, soldier, dead; Jemima Ann, Delia, Joseph Augustus, Mary Jane, Wm. Franklin, Betsey, Richard, John Louis, Jesse Slocum, Margaret, and Frances. Father, Joseph Bess, dead. Mother, Jemima, dead for 40 years. Brothers are Albert, dead; Hilliard, dead; Franklin Morrissey. Sisters are Nancy, dead; Absilla, dead; Betsey Jane, dead; Olive, married Henry Addison; Minerva, and Emily. signature made with an (x).

SOURCE: FREEDMAN'S SAVINGS & TRUST COMPANY RECORDS, Abstracted by Bill Reaves. Published by the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

(From the Introduction: The Freedman's Savings & Trust Company or the Freedman's Bank, as it is universally called, was chartered on March 3, 1865. It was the outgrowth of military savings banks in Norfolk, Virginia and Beaufort, South Carolina which had been established earlier for black Union troops who needed a place to deposit their wages and bounty money. It's founders, who were influential Christian philanthropists, humanitarians and businessmen, convinced the United States Congress to establish a bank so former slaves could learn the values of thrift and savings.

SUPREME COURT CASE #4564

The Bill of Complaint of William J. Armstrong and his wife Catharine

plaintiffs

vs

Moses Baker executor of the late David G. Baker and John Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Jesse Baker and Martha Baker infant children of the said David G. Baker and Redding S. Petway adm^r of David Baker an infant, dec^d

defendants

To the Hon. the Judge in Equity for Edgecomb County

Humbly complaining shew unto your honor your orator William J. Armstrong and your oratrix his wife, Catharine that in the month of September A. D. 1844, one David G. Baker of the county of Edgecomb departed this life leaving a last will and testament, which was admitted to probate in the County Court of Edgecomb at the November Sessions of the said county then next ensuing - that Moses Baker the executor therein named qualified as such & hath since acted as such -

By the said will a copy of which your orators have ready to produce, it is among other things provided as follows, In the first place his debts are to be paid out of any property which can with most convenience & least disadvantage to his Estate be spared -

"Second - It is my will and desire that my whole Estate both real & personal except such as may be necessary to dispose of to pay my just debts, to remain together as joint stock of my beloved wife and children and my farm continued under the management of my executor, for their support and education, and that each one, if a son, receive his distributive share when he arrives at the age of twenty one years, and if a daughter, when she arrives at the same age or marries; always reserving my household as a residence for my infant children and my beloved wife during her natural life or widowhood" -

Your orators shew unto you honor that the testator left him surviving four infant children of very tender years, the eldest being only about ten years of age their names are John Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Jesse Baker and Martha Baker & David Baker the latter of whom is since dead & the defendant Reddin S. Petway is his administrator and to all of them the defendant Moses Baker is ap^t testamentary guardian.

Your orators shew that the testator was very little indebted, and that his debts were speedily paid off by the executor out of the debts due the testator and his perishable estate, - The testator died possessed of several slaves and much perishable Estate, and also of considerable real estate, the whole of which, except what was disposed of to pay debts, has been used & managed by the defendant Moses Baker, either by working the slaves on the land, or hiring them out, and in this way large sums have been realized by rents, hires and sales of produce -

Your oratrix Catharine continued to live on the farm and at the residence of her late husband till about the third day of February 1846 when she intermarried with your orator William J. Armstrong & then she went to live with her husband and hath since resided with him at his house. Lately your orators have demanded of the defendant Moses Baker a share of the profits made from the Estate of the said David G. Baker, and also a partition of his Estate, so as to get her separate portion thereof both of which claims the defendant refused to admit, and consequently hath refused to pay her any money or to agree to set apart to her any of the property; alledging as his reason that your oratrix is not now entitled to anything since her marriage, and never was entitled to any portion of the Estate, except a support, and that so long only as she chose to continue unmarried and to reside at the residence of her late husband -

Your orators are advised that such is not a correct interpretation of the said will and that although the clause aforesaid, (which is that under which she claims) is not Expressed with clearness, yet they say that in and by the same, your oratrix is entitled as tenant in common with her children of all the Estate that may remain after payment of debts, and as no time is designated when she is to receive her part, she became entitled to it as soon as the debts were paid - Otherwise, as your orators insist, she is left without any provision whatsoever in the event of her surviving the minority of her youngest child - certainly, to nothing more than the mere liberty of living at the family residence and that on condition of her continuing a widow - Your orators cannot believe this harsh construction to have been intended by her late husband whom she married in her youth, and with whom she lived in terms of great affection -

Your orators insist that they are entitled to have a division of the Estate both real & personal, and also a division of the profits of the Estate, so that one fifth thereof may be allotted to your oratrix - wherefore and for as much as your orators are without adequate remedy save in this Hon^l Court when matters of this

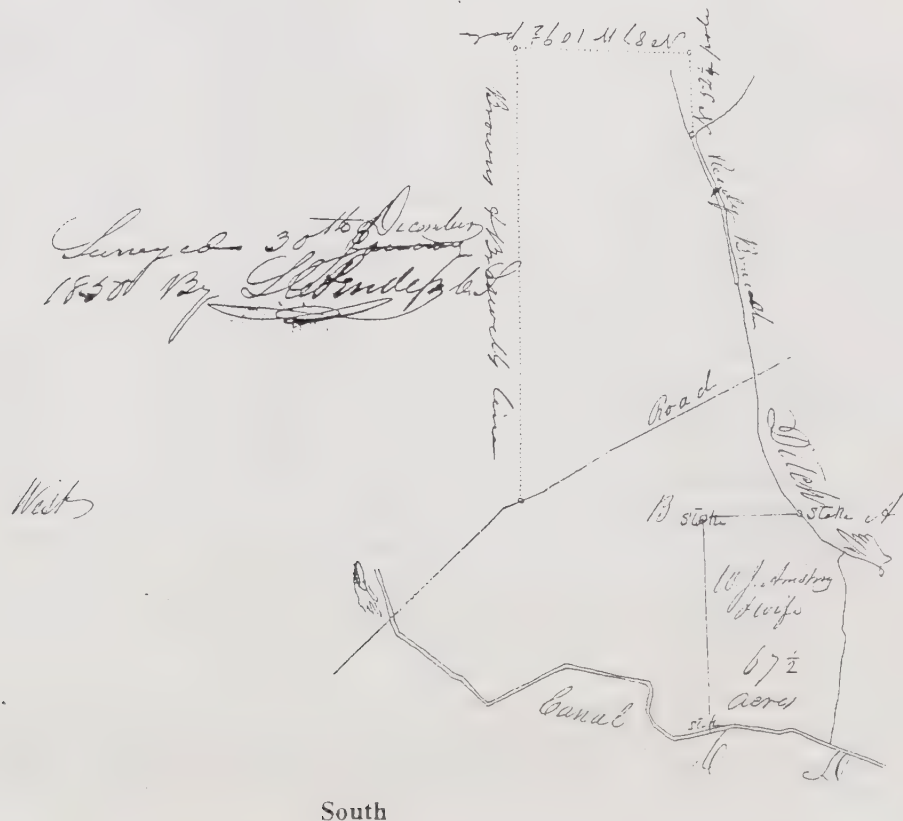
kind are properly cognizable & relievable: to the end therefore that the defendants on their corporal oath true full and perfect answer make to all and singular the allegations herein contained as truly and fully as though a special interrogatory were framed on Each particular allegation; that the defendant Moses Baker set forth a schedule of all the property which came into his hands as executor aforesaid, and how he has disposed of it, or managed it - that he render a just & full account of all his actings & doings as such Executor - also of all money made from the use of it, & state also how it has been used - that the property may be divided so as to set off to your oratrix Catharine her share thereof and that the defendant Baker be decreed to deliver the same up to your oratrix & to pay over all money that may be coming to them or to either of them; and that they have all such further and other relief as their case may require, & is agreeable to the rules & practice of this honorable Court, May it please your honor to issue your writ of fa to the defendant Moses Baker, John Baker, Elizabeth Baker, Jesse Baker and Martha Baker and the defendant Redding S. Petway as adm aforesaid commanding them to appear at the Court of Equity to be held for the County of Edgecomb at the Court house in Tarboro on the 2nd Monday of March next then and there to hand to and abide by & perform all such decrees as may be made in the premises & your orators & C will & C for Compl^t

Beginning at the Bridge across Mercers Mill Branch at the Canal then down the various courses of the canal to the Mouth of the Reedy Branch then up the ditch and along said corner then along said Branch to a Black Gum in the fork of said Branch Moses Bakers corner then along said Bakers line North 52 1/4 poles to a stalk in Crissa Braswells line then along Braswells line to a lightwood stump Braswells Hinton's & Browns corner then along Browns & Braswells line South 1° West 293 pole to the Road then along the Road So. 67 1/2° W. 10 pole then So. 47 1/2° W. 96 pole to the first station containing Four Hundred & Forty Acres

Lot No 3 drawn by William J. Armstrong containing 67 1/2 acres & Bounded as follows Beginning at a stake on the ditch in the Reedy Branch then West 28 pole to a stake then South 134 pole to a stake on the Canal in Mercers Mill Branch then down the various courses of said Canal to the Mouth of the main ditch in the Reedy Branch then up said ditch to the first station

North

Plotted by a scale of
80 pole to the Inch



NASH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA PETITION

To his Excellency David S. Reid

Govr. of the State of North Carolina.

The petition of the undersigned citizens of the County of Nash in said state respectfully sheweth unto your Excellency that at the Fall term of our Superior Court held at the court house in Nashville on the 3^d Monday &c (Sept^r term) William Frazier a white man indicted for beating a free person of colour was tried convicted and imprisoned under the following circumstances - proof of state in substance - that negro owed Deft. and in conversation about the matter, in the road, Deft. commenced beating him with a large limb or end of rail - and continued to follow and beat sd. negro for a considerable distance up the road - negro saw soon after entirely helpless and brutally beaten negro's arm dislocated and entirely unfit for any thing in future - if Proof for Deft - In sd. conversation in road - negro talked very loud, angrily and impudently - and when Deft. attempted to rebuke his insolence as the law allows the negro immediately takes his stick and strikes Deft. several licks which was kept up on both sides as far as witness could see the parties in the mean while Deft. was calling out for the boys (whiteboys) to come then &c. Negro's characters proven to be bad and particularly for insolence. Sentenced to three months imprisonment & costs which is about One Hundred and fifty Dollars. We believe that such an example will be of evil tendency by causing that, the worst portion of our population to become more insolent & turbulent and that the beating which the negro received at the hands of Frazier was in all probability the result of his own turbulence - the Deft Frazier has already been imprisoned and suffered enough to satisfy the demands of law and justice & also to prevent wanton attacks by white persons upon that class of our population - We therefore petition & pray your Excellency to release Sd. Frazier from longer imprisonment believing that such release could not fail to have a salutary affect upon our free negro population by teaching them that we disapprove other imprisoning of white persons for properly rebuking their insolence. And your petitioners as in duty &c.

A. H. Arrington	D. A. T. Ricks	Robt. Melton
Tho J. A. Cooper (late Shff)	W ^m H. Hilliard	J. C. Hilliard
T. W. Wright (late J. P.)	N. H. Murphy (M. D.)	J. W. Mitchell (Major)
Henry G. Williams	W. H. A. Knight	B. C. Mann
William Whitley	James Whitehead (late	Thomas Tucker
Athelston Hedgepeth	Capt)	Emelius Harrison
Rufus W. Pullen	Arch ^d Rose	Willie Bunting
James N. Mann (Major)	Cordal N. F. Ellin	Jacob Fox
Ja ^s B. H. Boddie	Richard H. Moore	N. W. Cooper (late Sbff)
Tho ^s J. Battle	Jesse Braswell	E. B. Hilliard (J. P.)
W. F. Drake (M. D.)	W ^m T. Arrington	Jerome Ricks
Jno. B. Deford	J. H. Harrison (late Col.)	Sidney Bunn
Tho ^s C. Arrington (M. D.)	Nath ^l Harrison	Richard Drake
Gabriel Alford	Josiah Ellinor	David W. Williams
John J. Drake (late Capt)	W. B. Thorn	A. H. Ricks
Ruffin Griffin (Co ^l	J. E. Thorn (Dep. Shff)	Anderson King
Commanding)	Thorn W. Arent (J. P.)	Solomon Williams
Benjamin L. Arrington	N. W. Arrington (J. P.)	William Arrington
Segeran Cyrus	Sam ^l L. Arrington	Geo. Ricks
Lew Arrington	Pembroke L. Whitfield	Joel Walker
Peter Arrington	James Coggin	Francis Jones

On reverse: A. H. Arrington & others, Nash Co., N. C. Oct. 21, 1851. Pardoned W^m Frazier the balance of term of imprisonment after the 1st of Nov. next, in condition he pay the fine and costs. Source: Governor's Papers. David S. Reid. October-December 1851. G. P. 128. Oct. 1851 folder.

Trees of Wilson

The Newsletter of the
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Society
P.O. Box 802
Wilson, NC 27894

October 1996

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Advance Publication Notice: Cemeteries Volume IV and Cemeteries Volume V are now in preparation. Advance reservations may be placed for shipment and billing upon release. Do not send payment now.

Wilson County Connections: a gedcom file for computer genealogy programs (PAF, Brother's Keeper, Kith & Kin, others) of over 8500 Wilson County individuals from the earliest settlers, all linked by birth or marriage. \$10.00

Total of publications ordered \$ _____

Sales tax @ 6% for NC residents \$ _____

Postage and handling @ \$2.50 per item..... \$ _____

Membership/Subscription WCGS/Trees of Wilson @\$15..... \$ _____

Total amount of this order \$ _____

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Advance Publications Reservation: Please reserve Cemeteries Volume IV, pub. date 1977
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(Please do not send any money for advance reservations)

Proxy Form: I cast my vote for the slate of nominees approved at the September meeting: check here
Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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• If the same name appears more than once on a given page, it will be listed in the index only once. Search the page for additional appearances of the same name. Variant spellings of a surname are grouped in the index.

• Generally, names listed in the index will be as they appear on the page; however, some assumptions were made in obvious cases (such as "Sallie, wife of Jesse Smith" was indexed as Sallie Smith). Where maiden or previous surnames were given, they appear in the index in parenthesis. In addition, these women will be found indexed by their maiden and/or former surnames.

• The index does not contain names pertaining to current society business (such as membership roster, new members, etc.) Names of people submitting queries are also not included. Every effort has been made to include just those names of genealogical/historical significance.

• Back issues of 1996 issues of *Trees of Wilson*, the newsletter, can be purchased by sending \$2.50 for each issue or \$25.00 for the complete 1996 Volume 5 with your request to:

Wilson County Genealogical Soc.
PO Box 802
Wilson NC 27894-0802

Be sure to specify the Vol. and No. of the issue requested.

• Indexes and back issues of previous newsletters are available. See page 12 to order.

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6/9; Matilda (Bynum) 6/9, 8/6; Nancy 6/9, 10/6; Nannie/Nanie 6/9; Nanny 8/6; Pegey 6/9; Polley 6/9; Rebecca 6/9; Reddick 9/5-6; Sarah 6/9, 10/4; Sidney J. 1/8, 2/2; Smithey (Farrell) 1/8; Sular 1/8, 2/2; Sular (Barnes) 2/2; Sydney J. 1/8; Temperance 6/9; Thomas 6/9; Vincent 1/8; W. 10/5; Weltha 6/9; Welthy 6/9; William 6/9; William, Jr. 8/8; Wm. 8/6; Wright 6/9
Barron/Barran 1/4: B B 2/6; Elsy K. (Morgan) 5/6; Thomas 2/5, 5/6
Barrot: Amanda 10/4; Josiah 7/6; Susan 10/4
Barry: Ricd D 7/5
Bass: Andrew 1/7; Benjamin 10/6; Donnie Missouri 10/6; Henry Gray 10/6; Hosea 9/6; Isaac 8/7, 10/6; Jerry Rome 10/6; Jesse 6/7; John M. 10/6; Keziah 10/6; Landania (Petway) 8/7; Landania (Petway) (Weaver) 10/6; Mordecia 10/6; Nora Lee 10/6; Uriah 3/15; William 9/6
Batchelor: Jas. W. 2/6
Battle 1/4: Thos J. 9/9
Batts: James William 5/5-6; Keziah 10/4; Margaret Elizabeth 5/5-6; Margaret Peel 5/5; Martha Ann 5/5-6; May Poily 4/2; Sallie Peel 5/5; Sallie Peele 5/6; W. W. 5/6; W. W. 2/5; William Woodard 5/5; Wilson Woodard 5/5-6
Baxter: Theophils 1/7
Beardsley: Jacky Ann 7/6; Lambert P. 7/6
Becton: John 1/8
Beeman: Noah 2/9, 4/5-6
Beemon: John 5/7
Behrens: Shirley (Whitley) 10/4
Belk: Wm 1/7
Bell: Agga 2/5; Frederick 4/5-6; Hutson 4/6; Joshua 4/5-6; Marmaduke Norflet 4/6; Noah 4/6; Possions 4/6; Reddick 4/6; Sally (Goldsmith) 4/6; Sally G 4/5; Thomas 4/6; William 4/6; Wright 4/6
Bess: Absilla 9/6; Albert 9/6; Betsey Jane 9/6; Emily 9/6; Hilliard 9/6; Jemima 9/6; Joseph 9/6; Minerva 9/6; Nancy 9/6; Olive 9/6
Biggs: Asa 7/9
Blackman: Anny 7/5; Stephen 1/7; William 7/5
Blake: John 1/7
Blurton: Henry 2/4
Boddie: Jas B. H. 9/9
Bonds: John 10/9; Lucretia (Nicholson) 10/9; Nancy (Dew) 10/9
Bonner: John 2/5

Boon: J. L. 10/8; Joseph 3/15
Booth(e): Pattey 2/5; Robert 2/5
Boring: John 1/7; Wm 1/7
Boswell: Joseph 9/5
Bowers: Benjamin 3/15
Bowlin: Vaughn 6/4
Box: Saml 1/7; Thos 1/7
Boyet(te)/Boyt/Boyt(e) 2/9: Albert 2/6; Etheldred 7/5, George 1/7; Jacob 2/6; Jacob B. 6/5; Lydia (Thompson) 2/6; Moses 1/7; Mrs. Albert (Crowell) 2/6; Thos 1/7; Thos jur 1/7; William 6/5
Boyd: Mrs. J. R. 8/7; Penny 8/7; Richard 8/7
Boykin 2/9, 3/2: Aisey 2/5, 6/5; Benjamin 2/5; Chelly (Fulghum) 2/5, 6/5; Council 2/5; Edna E. 7/2; Edward C. 2/5; Garland 2/5; Hardy, Jr. 2/5; Howard 2/5; James Iredell 2/5, 6/5; Iredell 2/5; Leona 2/5; Lilah (Taylor) 2/5; Mary Lindsey 2/5; Minnie (Raper) 2/5; Missouri (Peele) 2/5; Sally (Peele) 2/5; Sarah 2/5; T. Benjamin 2/5; Thomas 1/7; Woodard 2/5
Boyt: (see Boyette)
Bradley: William 4/4
Brady: John 2/4
Bragdon: Guvnor 7/4
Brake: Jesse 8/4; Margaret Ellen 8/4
Bramlett: Alice Baker (Burriss) 8/7; William Jackson 8/7
Branch: Alpheus 8/6; Alphus 6/9; Nancy (Barnes) 6/9; Nannie/Nanie (Barnes) 6/9
Brand: Isaac 2/7
Brantley: Mack 8/7; Mattie 8/7
Braswell: Calvin D. 8/6; Crissa 9/8; Jesse 9/9; Temperance (Wells) 8/5-6
Brent: Richard 6/7
Bridgers 2/6: Catherine 7/4; John 3/14-15; Joseph 2/5; Thomas 7/4
Briggs: B. F. 2/5
Bright: Mrs. W. A. 8/6
Brinkley: Burrell 7/4
Brite: I. A. 6/4
Britt: Elizabeth 2/9; Kinchen 2/9; William 2/9
Brown 9/8: James 5/6; John 1/8; Lou 7/4; Mack 8/7; Mrs. G. W. 8/7; Rachel (White) 5/6; Wm. 1/8
Bryan: John H. 5/9, 6/8, 7/5
Bryant: Betsey 9/6; Delia 9/6; Frances 9/6; Jemima 9/6; Jesse Slocum 9/6; Jno 3/15; John Louis 9/6; Joseph Augustus 9/6; Margaret 9/6; Mary Jane 9/6; Richard 9/6; Violet 9/6; Wm. Franklin 9/6
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Bullock: Button 7/4

Bulls: William 3/14
 Bunn: Sidney 9/9
 Bunting: Willie 9/9
 Burris: Alice Baker 8/7
 Burt: Thomas 4/4
 Butts: James 2/9; Samuel 2/9
 Bynum: Benjamin 7/6, 8/4;
 Caroline 7/6; Catherine W
 (Hines) 8/4; Gideon 7/6, 8;
 John 7/6; Joseph 7/6; Matilda
 6/9, 8/6; Nancy 8/6; Richard
 W 7/6; Robert 8/6, 8; Susan
 7/6; Turner 8/6
 Byram: Jacob 2/6
 Cannady: Emma 8/6; I. G. 8/6;
 N. E. 8/6
 Cannon: Caleb 7/9; Penelope
 7/6-7; Thomas 7/6-7, 9
 Carr: Fredr L. 6/9
 Carraway: James 6/7
 Carter 2/6
 Caudle: Lewis 8/4, 10/3
 Charles: I 4/2; King 5/4
 Clark: Bessie B. (Gold) 8/4;
 David 1/7; Edwin 8/7; Edwin
 G. 8/8; Gilbert W. 8/4; Henry
 T. 8/8; Sallie M. 8/7; Sidney
 7/4; William 4/4
 Cobb: James L 7/9; James S
 7/8; John 7/4; Penny 8/6;
 Sue Catherine 9/4
 Cockrell: Joseph 1/6
 Coffin: Levi 5/9
 Coggin: James 9/9
 Coker: C. D. 8/7; Eva Cleveland
 Brown) 8/7; Redden 8/7
 Coleman 9/3; R. F. 5/6
 Collier: Cornelia 1/8
 Cook: Anna 5/2
 Coon: Charles L. 4/2
 Cooper: N. W. 9/9; Tho. J. A.
 9/9
 Coor: Hopton 6/7; Stephen 6/7
 Copeland: Widow 9/6
 Coppage/Coppedge: Augustine
 5/5; Charles, I 5/5; Charles, II
 5/5; Charlotte 5/5; Cyrus 5/5;
 Griffin 5/5; James 5/5; John
 5/5; Mary 5/5; Maryann 5/5;
 Polly 5/5; William, I 5/5;
 William, II 5/5; Wilmouth
 (Lunsford) 5/5
 Cotton: John 1/7
 Covington: B. H. 4/19
 Cox: James 6/7; Josiah 8/6;
 Robert M. 8/8; Sarah Ann 8/6;
 William 5/9
 Cravey: Hugh 3/14
 Crawford: Robert 7/5
 Creech: Evelyn 4/2
 Creell: Charles 1/7; John 1/7
 Crocker 3/2; Peter 2/5; Sarah
 2/5
 Cromwell: John 5/2; Oliver 4/2,
 5/2, 9/2
 Croom: Colora Mary (Moore) 9/4;
 J. R. 8/4; Jesse Jackson 9/4;
 Mager 1/7
 Crowell 8/5; Joseph 6/4; Mrs.
 Albert 2/6; Rhodia A. 5/6
 Crowson: Jno 1/7
 Culpepper 9/3
 Cummings: Rebecca 4/4
 Curl: E. L. 8/5
 Cyrus: Segeran 9/9
 Daniel(s)/Dannel 5/4: _____
 (Phelps) 8/4; Adie 7/4; David
 8/4; Edith 8/6; Ephraim 9/5;
 J. J. 2/6; J. R. J. 2/6; Jacob
 2/4; Jas 1/7; Lewis 2/6;
 Marshall 7/2; N P 7/6; Nathan
 10/5; Nathan P 7/8; Nethl 1/7;
 Peggy 7/6; R. B. 2/6; Robert
 B. 2/6; Rufus 9/5-6; Woodard
 9/5
 Dartry: Thos 1/7
 Daughtridge: Martha 1/6, 8/5
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 Davis: Aley (Handley) 1/9; C. W.
 8/6; Edward 1/8; Elisha 9/6;
 Eugene Monroe 10/4; James
 1/9, 9/2; John 9/2, 6; Martha
 (Willoughby) 10/4; Moses 9/2;
 S. E. (East) 8/6; Savanah 8/4;
 Shugan J 2/6; Susanna 1/8;
 T. C. 8/8
 Dawson: Isaac 1/7; Joseph 1/7;
 Wm 1/7
 Deans: Dempsey 9/5
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 Deen: Richd 1/7
 Deford: Jno. B. 9/9
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 Denning: Ellen (Turlington) 8/7
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 Delphia 6/9; Duncan 10/9;
 Elizabeth (Nicholson) 10/9;
 Jno 10/9; John 10/9; Jonathan
 T. 2/5; Mary 6/9, 10/9; Nancy
 10/9; Sarah (Thomas) 10/9;
 Theresa 10/9; Treasey 10/9;
 William 6/9
 Dilda/Dildy: Absylor Jane
 (Howard) 10/4; Benjamin
 10/4; Ivy (May) 10/4; Jesse
 10/4; Lewis 4/4; Lewis
 Thomas 10/4; Penelope 10/4
 Dixon 5/6, 9/3; Elizabeth 7/6;
 Frances (Walston) 5/6; Henry
 10/8; Lafayette 5/6; Mrs. John
 7/4; Obadiah 2/9; Priscilla 7/6;
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 5/6; Samuel 7/6-7, 9; Unity
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 Downell: J R 6/6
 Drake: Charity (Avent) 2/2;
 James 2/2; John 7/4; John J.
 9/9; Mary E. (Duke) 2/2;
 Minnie Doris 2/2; Nicholas
 Thomas 2/2; Richard 9/9;
 Samuel Ottis 2/2; Thomas
 Dawson 2/2; Thomas N. 2/2;
 Thomas Nicholas 2/2; W. F.
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 Duke: Mary E. 2/2
 Dupree: Martha (Tunnel) 4/4;
 Martha A. R. 4/4; Sister 6/3;
 Thomas 6/3, 8/4, 10/3; William
 4/4
 Durden/Durdin: Thomas 6/6-7
 Durden(o)/Durdino: Mckini(e)y
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 Eagles: Benjamine F. 4/4
 Early: Thomas 1/8
 Eason 9/3; Abner 4/2; Elijah
 3/14; Ila Cray 9/4; Isaac 4/4;
 Jonothan T. 4/4; Jos S 1/6;
 Martha 4/2; Richard B 1/6;
 Stephen 2/9
 East: S. E. 8/6
 Edgerton: Nathan 10/5; Thomas
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 Edwards: Charles 6/4; Elbert
 6/4; Hannah Holliday
 (McKinnie) 6/4; Lucretia 6/4;
 Mary Wooten 6/4; Stephen
 4/4; Thomas 1/8, 2/8
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 Ellen: Celia F. 8/7; Mary Louise
 8/7; Samuel F. 8/7
 Ellin: Cordal N. F. 9/9
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 8/9; Andrew 10/9; Delphia
 (Webb) 2/6; Duncan 10/9;
 Edwin 2/6; Elisha 8/9; I. B. B.
 (J. R. P.?) 10/5; Ira G. 8/9;
 Jackey Ann Della 8/9; John W.
 7/6; Jonathan 10/9; Joseph
 2/8; Lula 10/9; Martha Ann H.
 8/9; Mary J. N. 8/9; Robert
 Alfred 8/9; Temperance 8/9;
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 10/9; Treasea 10/9; Trecey
 10/9; Unity (Dixon) 10/9;
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 10/9; Wm. 1/8
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 Etheridge: Amanda 10/4; Israel
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 Evan(s): Isom 10/3; Jacob 9/6;
 Joel 10/3; John 10/3
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 Benjamin 4/2; Blunt 7/4;
 Bobby 4/2; Charlotte
 (Coppage) 5/5; Della Jane
 (Williford) 4/2, 5/2; Edwin 4/2;
 Helen 9/4; James Luther 4/2;
 Jesse 4/2; John 4/2, 8/8;
 Larry D. 8/8; Mary (Woodliff)
 8/4; May Polly (Batts) 4/2;
 Oscar 8/4; Pollie 7/4; William
 3/14; Wm D. 8/8
 Farrell: Oliver 1/8; Smithey 1/8;
 Thomas 1/8
 Felton: Elisha 4/4; Thomas 2/6
 Ferral(l)/Ferrell: Bedie 8/2;
 Delilah 8/2; Eanus 8/2; Elias
 8/2; Fannie (Hinnant) 10/4;
 Janie Estelle 10/4; Jesse 8/2;
 John 2/7, 8/2; Larry Taylor
 10/4; Newell 8/2; Noah 5/6;
 Noel 8/2; Obedience 8/2; Polly
 8/2; Priscilla (Taylor) 2/7;
 Samuel 8/2; Valear 10/4;
 William 5/6, 8/2
 Fields: Barbara 8/6
 Finch: Frances 8/2
 Finlayson: A. I. 10/5
 Finley: John 5/9
 Flood: E. E. 8/5
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 Forbes: Britton 2/5; Hiram 2/6
 Fordham: C. McKinnie 6/4;
 Elbert Edwards 6/4
 Fort: Elisha 5/3
 Fountain: S. 8/8
 Fox: Jacob 9/9
 Frazier: William 9/9
 Freemont: Edmund B. 2/6
 Frizzelle: J. Paul 6/4
 Fulgham/Fulghum: Anthony 7/2;
 Chely 2/5, 6/5; Claude 7/2;
 Jacob 7/2; Jesse 7/2; John
 7/2; Nancy (Raiford) 7/2;
 Raiford 7/2; Richard 7/2
 Fulton: Samuel 1/8
 Gamalian: Abram 3/14
 Gardner: Lillie 8/7; Patience 8/7;
 Ruth S. 7/2; T. J. 2/5; Wiley
 8/7; William 2/5
 Garner: Willis 6/7
 Gifford: John 9/5
 Gilbert: Emma 8/7
 Gilferd: Johnathan 1/8
 Gill: Amanda 7/4
 Ginn: Arena 8/7; Dawson 8/7;
 Nancy 8/7
 Goddin: Capt. 8/8
 Goff: Thomas 4/5-6
 Gold: Bessie B. 8/4; P. D. 8/4,
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 Goldsmith: Sally 4/6
 Grace: James 2/9; John 2/9;
 William 2/9
 Grant: John 1/7; John jur 1/7
 Granville: Lord 7/2, 8/2
 Graves: As _____ 4/19
 Green(e): Angie Cora 5/6; Bettie
 8/6; James 4/19; Joseph
 4/19; Richard 7/4; Susannah
 Ann 4/19; William 7/4; Zeno
 H. 8/8
 Griffin: Bessie Delphia Helen
 10/4; M. G. 10/6; Mrs. G. W.
 (Brown) 8/7; Ruffin 9/9
 Griswold: James 4/19;
 Susannah Ann (Green) 4/19
 Guin 1/4
 Gulley: Elizabeth 2/4; Robert 2/4
 Gurley: Robert 6/7
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 Ham: Willm 1/7
 Handley/Handly/Hanley: Aley
 1/9; Dicey/Dicy 1/9; Elizabeth

1/9; James 1/8-9; Jesse 1/9; John 1/9; John, Senior 1/8; Mark 1/7-9; Mark Applewhite 1/8; Thomas 1/9; William 1/8-9; Wm. 1/8

Hardee: John 1/8

Hardison: Winifred (Sharpe) 4/2, 5/2

Hardy: J. R. 8/7; Lucy 8/7; Mrs. J. R. (Boyd) 8/7

Harper: Elizabeth Lucille 9/4; Francis 2/9; Margaret Ellen (Brake) 8/4; Nancy 2/4; William Bruce 8/4

Harrell 1/4, 3/2; Edeath 1/4; Edward 3/15; Elizabeth (Webb) 2/6; Enos 4/4; Jesse 1/4; John 2/6; Joseph 2/6; Nathan 2/6

Harrington: Lena 8/7

Harrison: A. L. 8/4; Arrena (Ginn) 8/7; Emelius 9/9; J. H. 9/9; Nathan 8/7; Nathl 9/9; Richard 4/4; Thos 1/7

Hart(e): Pollie 7/4; Robert 6/4

Hayman: Alfred J. 8/8; Anna 8/8; Eliza 8/8; Emily 8/8; W. H. 8/8; William 8/8; William F. 8/8

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Heartsfield: George 1/7

Heath: Adam 5/7; Mark 5/7

Hedgepeth: Athelston 9/9

Hemby: Nan 9/4

Hendrix: Joel 5/9

Herrin(g): Anthony 1/7; Frederick 1/7; Henry 2/8; Jacob 1/7; John 1/7; Joseph 1/7; Joshua 1/7; Nancy 5/6; Simn 1/7; Simon 1/7, 9

Hewitt: Brancy 8/7; John C. 8/7; Sarah 8/7; Sidda A. 8/7

Higgins: Susan (Smith) 8/7

High: Alex M. 10/2; Alice Eliza 10/2; Aisey Ruffin 10/2; Eliza 10/2; Elizabeth Jane (Atkinson) 10/2; Isham 10/2; James M. 10/2; John Branch 10/2; John G. 10/2; Lucinda 10/2; Peyton 10/2; Samuel 10/2

Hill: Green B. 10/4; Isaac 10/4; Martha (Ivey) 10/4

Hilliard: E. B. 9/9; J. C. 9/9; Wm H. 9/9

Hines: Catherine W. 8/4; Charles 1/7; Isaac 1/7; Peter 8/4; Robt 1/7; Susam 4/4; Will 1/7

Hinnant: Fannie 10/4

Hinton 9/8; W. H. 7/4

Hocutt: Richard 4/4

Holder: George 1/7

Holland: Della 10/4; June Yvonne (Whitley) 10/4

Holliday: John 7/6-7, 9; Maira 7/6; Maria 7/7

Hood: Bold Robin 4/19; Edward 10/3; Edwd 1/7; Edwd jur 1/7;

Patience 9/5; Stewart 1/7; Thos 1/7

Hooker: Samuel 2/9

Hooks: Jacob 9/6; P. 6/8; R. 2/4

Hooper: C. H. 8/8

Hopkins: William D. 4/4

Hopton: Charles 1/7

Horn(e): Barzillia 4/2; Cathrine 10/4; David 10/4; Dinah 10/4; Hardy 9/6; Hardy, Junr 9/5; Henry 9/5; Joab 4/4; Mary Ann Elizabeth (Morris) 10/4; Merrit 10/4; Thomas 10/3, 6/4, 7, 9/5; William 9/5

House: Studie (Whitley) 10/4

Howard: Absylor Jane 10/4; Evan 10/4; Geo., Jr. 10/5; George 8/4; Nicholas 7/4

Howell: Josh 1/7; Lewis 1/7; Patience 10/2; Wiley 10/2

Hoyt: Goold 7/9

Hubbard: Edward 5/9

Hudson: Lucretia (Edwards) 6/4

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Ingold: Pearl Virginia 1/8

Ingram: Joseph 3/14

Ivey: Martha 10/4

Jackson: Amous 7/4; Lewis 6/4; O. L. 10/8; Wm J. J. H. 10/8

Jefferson: Thomas 8/2

Jenkins/Jinkins: J F 7/9; William 4/4

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Jones: Cinthia (Webb) 2/6; Dempsey 2/6; Elizabeth Lucille (Harper) 9/4; Fannie Eilzabeth (Moore) 9/4; Frances Ester 9/4; Francis 9/9; Griff 1/7; Helen (Paschall) (Farmer) 9/4; Henry Asbury 9/4; Ila Cray (Eason) 9/4; J. W. 8/7; Martha 10/2; Mary Beatrus 9/4; N. G., Sr. 8/7; Patricia 9/4; Richd 1/7; Sallie M. (Clark) 8/7; Vance Harper 9/4; William 9/4; William H. 9/4; William Henry 9/4

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King: Anderson 9/9; Coffield 4/4; Henry 8/8

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Lane 3/2; Lemon 2/6

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Lasser: Jas 7/5; Stephen 7/5

Lassiter: Martha (Woodard) 8/7; Mrs 7/5; Steven 7/5

Lawrence: M. T. 8/7

Lee: Berry 8/5; Emly 8/5; General 7/3; Jerimiah 8/5; Jerry 8/5; Jno W 7/4; Joe 8/5; Joseph 8/5; Mitilda 8/5; Polley 8/5; William 8/5; Winifred/Winny (Wells) 8/6

Leggett: Noah 4/4

Leigh: Joseph 8/6

Lewis: Thos 1/7

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Lunsford: Elizabeth 5/5; John 5/5; Moses 5/5; Wilmouth 5/5

Luper: John 8/7; Maggie Bell 8/6; Mattie 8/6

Lutts: J. J. 8/8

Lynch: Cornelius 3/14

Makeel: Major 5/7

Mann: B. C. 9/9; James N. 9/9

Marshburn: Saml 8/8

Martin: Burrel 6/6-7; Joseph 6/6-7, 9/5

Mathewson: N 4/6

May: Benjamin 7/6-9; Ivy 10/4; James W 7/6; John 7/6, 9; Martha 7/6, 8; Milley 1/6; Penelope 7/6, 8; Tabitha 7/6; Turner 7/6-7

Mayo: Jesse 9/5

McClendon: Thomas 1/9

McCotter: Clifton 6/4

McCulin/McCullen: Pipkin 6/8

McKinney: Wm 7/5

McKinnie: Hannah Holliday 6/4

McRary: William H. 8/8

Melton: Robt. 9/9

Mercer: Aquilla F. 8/7; Beth Sheba 9/2; Eli 9/2; John 9/2; Wiley 9/2; William 4/4

Meredith/Meridith: Andrew 5/9

Mewborn: Barbara (Fields) 8/6; Eugene 8/7; John M. 8/6; Joshua 8/6; L. J. H. 8/6; Winneford 8/6

Milly: Mary S. 8/7

Mitchel(l): Etheldred 5/7; Frederick 6/4; J. W. 9/9

Moor(e) 2/7; A. P. 3/2; Abraham 9/4; Ada C. 8/7; Andrew Paul 3/2, 9/4; B F 7/6; Beulah Benton (Smith) 9/4; Brittain 5/7; Caswell 9/4; Charlie Elbert 9/4; Colora Mary 9/4; Cora (Applewhite) 3/2, 9/4; David 9/4; Edmund 8/8; Elbert T. 9/4; Eli W. 9/4; Elijah 9/4; Elizabeth 9/4; Emma E. 9/4; Etheldred 9/4; Exum 4/4, 9/4; Fannie Eilzabeth 9/4; Greenberry 9/4; Henry H. 9/4; Isaac 9/4; James Jesse 9/4; Jesse 3/2; Jesse Asbury 9/4; Joab 9/4; John W. 9/4; Jonas G. 9/4; Katherine M. 9/4; Lidea (Raspberry) 10/3; Martha (Price) 9/4; Martha Ann 9/4; Mary 9/4; Mary (Sessums) 9/4; Mary D. 9/4; Millie (Robbins) 9/4; Milly 9/4; Miltasent 10/3; Nan (Hemby) 9/4; Nancy 8/7; Nathaniel 9/5-6; Richard H. 9/9; Samuel 8/7, 10/3; Sarah A. E. 9/4; Stephen 9/4; Sue Catherine (Cobb) 9/4; Susannah 9/4; Theophilus 9/4; William 1/5, 10/3; William Marsilas 9/4; William R. 9/4; William W. 9/4; Winniford (Owens) 3/2; Winnifred Sarah (Owens) 9/4; Zada Ann 9/4

Mooring: James 5/7

Mordeca: M 4/6; Moses 6/7

Mordecai: George W. 5/7

Morgan: Elsy K. 5/6; George L. 7/3; Tabitha (Turlington) 8/7

Morris: Keziah (Batts) 10/4; Mary Ann Elizabeth 10/4; Nathan 10/4

Morrissey: Franklin 9/6

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Moye: Louisa 7/9; Louisa M 7/6; Macon 8/8; Wyatt(e) 5/7, 7/6-7, 9

Murphy: N. H. 9/9

Newport: Christopher 7/2

Newsom(e): Delane 2/5; Fanny 2/5; Hannah 2/5; Isaac 6/6-7; Joel, Junr 8/6-7; Joel, Senr 6/7; Joel, Senr. 6/6; Joseph 2/5; Keiah 2/5; Larry 8/8; Mary 2/5; Prissilia 2/5; Sarah 2/5; Thomas 2/5

Nicholson: Edward 10/9; Elizabeth 10/9; Lucretia 10/9; Winnifred 10/9

Norris: Pattie 8/4

Odum: James 10/2; Martha (Jones) 10/2; Martha (Sullivan) 10/2; Patience 10/2
 Oneal: Lodwick 2/6
 Oneals: Nancy (Vick) 8/6
 Owens: Frank 10/6; Winniford 3/2; Winnifred Sarah 9/4
 Page: Albert Ralph 9/4; Albert Ray 9/4; Ashly 2/6; Cherry 9/4; Frances Ester (Jones) 9/4; Karen Elizabeth 9/4
 Parker: George 1/7; James 1/7; Jerry 7/4; Saml 1/7
 Paschall: Helen (Farmer) 9/4
 Pate: Jas 1/7; Saml 1/7
 Peace: Emma (Cannady) 8/6; Ira 8/6; W. J. 8/6
 Peacock: Calvin 10/5; Sallie 10/5; Zadock 6/6-7
 Pearson: J M 9/6; Soloman 9/5
 Peel: Sallie 5/6
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 Peteway: Nancy 2/5
 Pettigrew: J. J. 7/3; M. 7/5
 Petway: Elizabeth Little (Skinner) 10/6; J. H. 10/6; Joseph 10/6, 8/7; Joseph Little 9/2, 10/6; Landania 8/7; Landania (Weaver) 10/6; Landonia Elizabeth 10/6; Mattie 10/6; Melvina (Williams) 9/2, 10/6; Micajah 10/6; Neviney 8/7, 10/6; Pearl 10/6; Redding S. 9/7-8
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 Phelps: _____ 8/4
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 Philpot: A. B. 8/6
 Pitt: Rinie 7/4; Thomas 10/8; Thos 1/7
 Pittman: R. H. 8/7
 Plummer: Will 1/6
 Pocohontas 8/2
 Pope: Delilah 1/6; John Jr. 2/9; Lamuel 9/6; Mat(t)hew 2/4; Mrs. C. G. 8/7; Mrs. Willie 8/7; Priscilla 6/4; Thomas 8/5; William 2/4
 Porter: James 2/8
 Poulen: Salley (Wells) 8/5-6
 Powell: Bill 6/4; Gwilym 7/2; Henry 3/14; John 7/2
 Price: Martha 9/4
 Pridgen/Pridgeon/Prigen 1/6; Henry 7/4; Ruffin 2/8; Wm 10/8
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 Pyron: Wm. 2/6
 Raiford: Nancy 7/2
 Randolph 8/2
 Raper: Minnie 2/5
 Rasberry: Joseph 2/7-8; Lidea 10/3
 Rasbury: Readin 5/7
 Redmond: Anne 8/4
 Reid: David S. 9/9, 10/8
 Renfrow: Benjamin 8/7
 Rentfrow: James 9/5
 Rhodes: Mary 6/8; Widow 5/4
 Ricks: A. H. 9/9; D. A. T. 9/9; Geo. 9/9; Jerome 9/9
 Roach: John 1/7; John jur 1/7
 Robards: Wm 6/7
 Robbins: Eli 2/6; Ely 2/5; Isaac 10/8; Jeanna 6/4; John 6/4; John C. 10/8; John D. 10/8; Millie 9/4; Starkey 10/8; Warren G. 10/8; Willie 10/8
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 Robins: Willie 7/4
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 Rolfe: John 8/2; Thomas 8/2
 Rose: Archd 9/9
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 Rowland: John 1/7; Richd 1/7
 Rown: Lewis 1/7
 Ruff: Calvin 6/3
 Ruffin: Lula 10/4; Margaret 4/4; Mary E. (Trevathon) 10/4; Thad 10/4
 Sandefur: Joseph 3/15
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 Sands: L. I. 10/5
 Sarser: Benjamin 1/7
 Sarsnett: Rich 1/7
 Sauls: Henry 2/8
 Scarborough: David 2/8-9, 4/2; Isaac 4/2, 4; Isaac Susan 4/4; James 4/2, 4; John 4/2, 4; John R. 4/2; Martha 4/4; Martha (Eason) 4/2; Nancy 4/4; Penelope 4/2; Sarah 4/2; Zillie 4/2
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 Seddon: Secretary 7/3
 Selby: Benj M 7/9; Benjamin M. 8/8
 Senter: Stephen 3/15
 Serser: Thos 1/7
 Sessoms: Emily 8/7
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 Settle: Thomas, Jr. 10/8
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 Stanly: John 6/7
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 Stott: Millicent 4/2, 6/2
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 Strickling: Davis 3/14
 Sugg: Josiah, Junr 2/8; Josiah, Senr 2/8; Pleasant 4/4
 Sullivan: Martha 10/2; Patience (Odum) 10/2
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 Thorn(e): Angie Cora 5/5-6; Billy 7/4; Ichabod Redmon 5/5; Ikeybud Redmon 5/6; J. E. 9/9; J. H. 8/4; J. J. 5/5-6, 7/4, 8/7; John Julius 5/5-6; Lucian Turner 5/5-6; Margaret Peel (Woodard) (Batts) 5/5-6; Martin 2/5, 5/5-6; Martin, Sr. 5/5; Mary Bama 5/6; Mary Rabana 5/5; Nicholas 5/5-6; Pattie (Norris) 8/4; Polly (Coppage) 5/5; Rachel (Brown) (White) 5/6; Redmon 5/5-6; T A B 1/4; W. B. 9/9; W. M. 5/6; William Martin 5/5-6
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 Tompson: Necodemus 1/7
 Tomson: Jacob 1/7; John 1/7; Thos 1/7
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 Trevathon: Mary E. 10/4
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 Tucker: John 1/7; Thomas 9/9
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Viverett(e): Cynthia 8/6; Jackson 7/4
 Waddell: Wm 1/7
 Wade: Clara Lee 1/8; Cornelia (Collier) 1/8; Erdene (Wall) 2/2; Etheline 1/8; Eva Mae 1/8; George Freeman 1/8; Gladys V. 1/8; Herbert Riley 1/8; James Millard 1/8; Lawrence M. 1/8, 2/2; Lawrence M., Jr. 1/8; Leland C. 1/8; Mary Erdene (Walls) 1/8; Pauline C. 1/8; William A. 1/8
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 Winbourn: Abraham 10/2
 Windley: T. A. 6/4
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 Wise: Frances 3/15; Hester 3/15; Morris 3/15
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 Worth: Jonathan 6/6
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